

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
September 10 2018**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin and City Attorney John Murphey.

Atty. McCormick served as parliamentarian.
Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski served as legislative counsel.

- 2a. The invocation was given.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

- A. Approval of Minutes -**

- 1. Regular Council Meeting -August 27, 2018**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council of August 27, 2018. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 27, 2018 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. **Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

Mayor Ford announced that the Housing Authority is hosting a Tax Appeal Workshop through the Cook County Board of Review on Tuesday September 18 at 6:30 at the Theater Pavilion. He also announced that the City had been awarded \$200,000 through CDBG for street repairs.

5. City Treasurer's Report - July 2018

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin gave the Treasurer's report for the month ending July 2018 citing bank balances as of September 10 2018, stating that revenues have exceeded expenses to date, various investment vehicles are being researched for the Water Escrow funds and that water escrow funds are transferred the month after collection.

6. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Deborah McIlvain invited everyone to attend the City's annual multicultural festival on Saturday, September 15 from noon to 5 pm on the City campus.

7.. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting September 20, 2018 12:00 pm)**

A. Approval of Vouchers - September 10, 2018

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amended amount of amount of \$1,064,293.01. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 20 2018 at 12 pm.

**II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Alderman Glispie, Chairman
Contract Compliance (Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

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**III. Public Works and Utilities
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Davis, Chairman

A. Approval - 2018 Street Resurfacing Cost Estimate

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of the 2018 Street Resurfacing Cost Estimate of \$239,845.90 and the additional \$200,000 received from the CDBG grant.. Second - Alderman Lockett . Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.

Alderman Davis announced that tree trimming would be conducted on trees hanging over sidewalks and public ways. He asked that residents contact their aldermen with locations.

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development
Alderman Spivey, Chairman (TBA)**

A. Motion for Reconsideration of Bass Group Contract

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval for Reconsideration of Bass Group Contract. It was explained that the motion should be amended to Terminate the Agreement/Contract with the Bass Group. Alderman Spivey motioned as amended to terminate the Bass Group Contract. Second - Alderman Evans. Discussion - Alderman Spivey stated that the Council needs to closely consider who the City would like to utilize as a lobbyist. Mayor Ford stated that he felt this should have been discussed by everyone at an Administrative Meeting and that there seems to be a general disregard for the rules. Alderman Davis stated that he had not been involved in the original vote. Alderman SPivey stated that he felt the issue was being taken out of proportion. Roll Call Vote on the Amended Motion as Follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE 3 Ayes: Aldermen Davis, Evans and Spivey.

2 Nays Aldermen Lockett and Glispie.

0 Absent:

Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Evans stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 6 pm.

VI. Special Committee of the Whole Outdoor Theater

No Report

Alderman Lockett moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- ◆ Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that the comment made by Alderman Davis that everyone should file a tax appeal is incorrect as an appeal may affect a resident tax freeze status. She also stated that the most efficient way to keep taxes tolerable is to through cutting costs. She stated that the current situation is the result of a Chicago tribune study which resulted in Toni Prekwinkle ordering an independent study.

Alderman Lockett moved to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

7. Aldermen's Reports

- ◆ Alderman Spivey announced that the 4th Ward meeting will be held on Thursday at 7 pm at the Fire Station. He explained that streets in need of repair had been ranked by the engineering firm and were rated by severity of need of repair.
- ◆ Alderman Glispie stated that he felt the lobbyist should have been given the opportunity to prove his worth. He stated that information should be given to new residents when they move in to provide them with the rules and ordinances of the City.
- ◆ Alderman Lockett invited everyone to the Multicultural Festival on Saturday September 15 featuring over 80 vendors.
- ◆ Alderman Davis thanked Ms. Bell for her comments and stated that most property taxes did increase and that there is a 30 day time frame for appeal.

Mayor Ford stated that the Tribune article had mentioned resident Clifton Graham and that

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there are many Cook County residents who pay little or no property taxes and othhjer residents are picking up that slack.

Mayor Ford reiterated that the City engineers assess the worst streets in the City and that not all streets in wards are repaired as the need is determined on a city-wide basis.

8. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk