

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
April 22, 2019**

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 7:00 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, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.
Excused as absent was Alderman Davis.

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

Judge Stuttley served as parliamentarian.
Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski served as legislative counsel.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

- A. **Approval of Minutes -**

1. **Administrative Meeting March 18, 2019**
 2. **Special City Council Meeting April 1, 2019**
 3. **Regular City Council Meeting - April 8, 2019**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the administrative Meeting of March 18, 2019, the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 1, 2019 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2019. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 18, 2019, the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 1, 2019 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2019 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Ford announced that the plans for the Logistics Center were on the back table for those interested in taking a look at them. Prior to the Treasurer's report, he thanked the Treasurer for her service these past 4 years.

5. City Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Argie Johnson-Martin cited the City's bank balances as of April 22, 2019, stated that as of year to date revenues had exceeded expenses and provided water escrow account information.

6. City Collector's Report

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the Collector's Report for the month ending March 31, 2019 citing revenues collected in various funds.

7. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain announced that branch pick up South of 183rd Street is scheduled for May 11, 2019 and North of 183rd Street is scheduled for May 18, 2019.

8. Committee Reports

**I. Finance: Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 9, 2019 6:00 pm)**

A. Public Hearing - FY2019-2020 Budget

Alderman Lockett moved to open the floor for the Public Hearing for the FY 2019-2020 Budget. Second - Alderman Glispie. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. The following individuals addressed the Council

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, questioned the committee stipend for aldermen and stated that it was not equitable and should be removed from the budget.
- Kristy Gordon, Country Club Hills requested clarification on the percentage of the revenues generated by property taxes and interest income as compared to other municipalities. She also stated that stipends and professional development and longevity should be eliminated.

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

B. Approval - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Country Club Hills for the Fiscal Year Beginning The First Day of May 2019 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2020

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-07-19, An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Country Club Hills for the Fiscal Year Beginning The

First Day of May 2019 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2020. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

C. Approval of Vouchers - April 22, 2019

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$751,358.83. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

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

No report

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

- A. Approval – 2019-2020 Landscape Bids
 - Good Brothers Landscaping (Park Landscape) \$41,383.00
 - Ms Belle’s Property Mgt. (Right of Way Mowing) \$75,777.00
 - Eternally Green (Lawn Fertilization) \$13,630.35
 - Allscape (City Building Landscape Maintenance) \$27,825.00
- B. Approval – 2019-2020 Port-A-Potties Bid – Service Sanitation

- C. Approval – 2019 – 2020 Aquatic Weed Control Bid – Eternally Green (\$4,600.00)
- D. Approval – 2019 Grass Cutting of Vacant Properties Bid (various)
- E. Approval - Water Pump Station SCADA Improvements
- F. A p p r o v a l – Repair Proposal Police Station Generator

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of Items A through F with the landscape bids subject to termination by the City on 7-days notice. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

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

Alderman Spivey announced a committee meeting for April 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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

Alderman Evans announced a committee meeting on May 16, 2019 at 7 pm.

Prior to opening the floor to the public, City Attorney John Murphey explained that there are no uniform rules for the percentage of property taxes used by municipalities for an operating budget. He explained that Tinely Park has considerable commercial development and does not rely as heavily on property taxes as cities such as Park Forest.

9. Public Portion of Meeting

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

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Leora Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that she had surveyed salary information for municipal attorneys in the City of Chicago and in surrounding areas and felt that monies could be saved by the City.
- Latanya Stanford, Country Club Hills, stated that her property taxes were approaching \$20,000 and that her property was being inundated by water and erosion issues and she had been told that the property should not have ever been developed. Mayor Ford stated that the situation will be evaluated and discussed.
- Darlene Moore, Country Club Hills, stated that she hoped that the theater would be opening again this season.
- Marquita Bell, Country Club Hills, stated that her husband's bus, used in his job was being ticketed for being on her property at 176th and Anthony.

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

7. Aldermen's Reports

- ◆ Alderman Lockett thanked everyone for their attendance, stated that the Logistics project would be a huge boost to the economy of Country Club Hills, wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded everyone to keep safe,
- ◆ Alderman Glispie stated that violations in Ward 1 were being addressed. He also stated that voters should not be swayed by candidates that offer to lower property taxes.
- ◆ Alderman Evans thanked the Finance team for the efforts on the budget. She stated that Tinley Park is a much bigger municipality with greater economic development and that Country Club Hills would be better compared to Matteson or Richton Park or Hazel Crest. She explained that longevity has been frozen, that professional development is necessary, that to eliminate the stipends would require a change to the city code, that some homes were possibly built on wetlands in the 5th wards and that the bus being ticketed may be because of a weight restriction.
- ◆ Alderman Spivey thanked everyone for their attendance, explained that Logistics is an 80 million dollar project with a potential for a new Gatling project of 23 million and that the City is heading in the right direction. He announced that the former Eagle Plaza had been purchased as had the former Merlin Muffle. He concluded by announcing a Ward 4 meeting on May 9 at 7 pm.

Mayor Ford stated that there are potentially an additional 100 acre development at 167th and Cicero with a possible fulfillment center. He stated that there have been increases in the number of inquiries for potential development. He stated that there will be some programming at the theater this summer. He also announced that the newly elected officials will be sworn in at the City Council Meeting on May 13, 2019.

Alderman Lockett stated that volunteers are needed for Country Club Hills Cares Day on May 10 from 10 am to 1 pm. He also thanked Portia Lyons for her hard work in organizing the project.

9 Adjournment

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 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk