

**Country Club Hills -- Regular Board Meeting
February 11, 2019
Observer: Lillian Bacon**

City Clerk: Deborah Mclivain
Treasurer: Argie Johnson-Martin
Ward 1: Edward Glispie
Ward 2: Vincent Lockett
Ward 3: Lisa Evans
Ward 4: Richard Spivey
Ward 5: Anthony Davis

The meeting was opened by Mayor James Ford at 7:04pm. He informed the residents that Country Club Hills will be hosting a Town Hall meeting February 28, 2019, at 7:00pm. All residents are welcome to come. This meeting will be concerning a new development that is coming to the city. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall.

A motion to operate the Outdoor Theater for 2019 Season was tabled for next meeting.

Alderman Lockett Motion for approval of Meeting minutes:

Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council meeting January 28, 2019

The minutes were approved.

Deborah Melivian, city clerk, had no report.

City Treasurer's Report: Treasurer stated that her report is for December 3, 2018 to February 11, 2019 and that expenses are more than the revenue. This has been consistent; she gave a long explanation on how money comes in and how it goes out. She also stated that more than two people sign the checks. The City is spending more and using funds from other line items to pay for services.

Alderman Lockett made a motion for approval of February 11, 2019 vouchers. The motion passed, but Alderman Evans and Alderman Davis voted no.

Alderman Lockett stated that there is no difference in how Southland Municipalities pay the bills to vendors and the vendors know that they will get paid within 30 to 90 days after they complete the service.

Alderman Lockett informed the resident that a Finance Committee meeting will be held February 21, 2019, at 12:00pm

Alderman Glispie: No report. He informed the residents that residents notified him about an issue in the subdivision of Apple Tree. The issue was fixed by public works. He also gave his phone number: 708-955-3114 and informed the residents if there are any issues in the first ward that need to be addressed, they can call him.

Alderman Davis: Stated he was shaken-up regarding the city loaning tax dollars to individuals. He also stated that there needs to be an investigation conducted. He stated that the city has never been this tight regarding funds and a full account of money being spent must be brought to light.

Alderman Spicey: Thanked the Public Works staff for the good job.

Alderwoman Evans: She explained why she voted no on the approval of vouchers. She also said that some checks are being held and not sent out. The list of approved checks for payment of services are building up and the service has been done but some of the vendors are not getting paid. The service is to be paid out of the general line items, but funds are being taken from other line items to pay some of the debt. She informed the residents that funds for personal loans to employees, interest free, has been given. The funds are property tax money and no loan should be given by the city to help employees. The request of a loan needed to be brought before the Council, but it was not. Mistakes like this need to be addressed. The money in the general account is to pay the city's bills, not to be given as an interest free loan to an employee.

The Mayor stated that all of this about checks is being brought up because of re-election of the upcoming Mayoral election. This issue about checks not being paid is political and they need to tell the truth.

Public Portion residents' concerns:

One of the residents asked the lawyer for the city to explain the difference between "open" meetings and "closed" meetings. She wanted to know why residents are not allowed in closed meetings.

Another resident stated that a flyer is going around stating that this year the theater will make money. He stated that is not possible because in the last four years the theater has not made money. He stated how is that possible?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.