



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4200 W 183rd St. Country Club Hills, IL 60478

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's ongoing Executive Orders Covid-19 Masks and Social Distancing are required for this in-person meeting. Also, be advised seating is limited and building capacity orders will be followed and enforced.

1. CALL TO ORDER – JAMES W. FORD, MAYOR

A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, Cook County, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:03p.m. The in-person meeting was called to order by the Alderman Vincent Lockett – Mayor, Pro tem.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett Mayor Pro tem, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey and Alderman Edwards. Also present: City Administrator and Carl Estelle, Police Chief Galvin, Fire Chief Hullinger, Dir. Dwone Ross, Dir Eric Booker, Dir Aaron Jones, Special Projects Coordinator Director Jerry Townsend and AChief/PW Dir Roger Agpawa.

Excused as absent – Mayor Ford and Alderman Davis

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of Jeremiah Ministries International Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 08.09.2021

Alderwoman Evans moved for City Council approval of Special Meeting Minutes 08.09.2021. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

No Report

6. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson thanked everyone especially the elected officials for their participation in the Back to School Rally held August 14th. Clerk Hutson then shared information on the Cops on Top of Dunkin Donuts August 20th on 183rd St. Clerk Hutson then shared she attended the Prairie Hills SD144 Taste of Prairie Hills August 21st which had school registration and local vendors. Clerk Hutson then shared the Building Dept has relocated to the lower level of City Hall previously occupied by the transportation and OAKS departments. Clerk Hutson also shared the most recent CCHPD Newsletter for August is on the city website for viewing. Lastly, Clerk Hutson reminded everyone that the Delta Virus is still a concern and as of today Cook County has reimplemented its' mask mandate for all indoor public places regardless of vaccination status. Clerk Hutson also shared that all city employees have continued to wear masks for the protection of the public and staff.

7. CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY COLLECTOR

City Collector's Report as of 07.31.2021 per Patricia D. Hutson

Clerk Hutson shared the Collector's Report is in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – DEBORAH M. MCILVAIN, CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer's Report as of 07.31.2021 per Deborah M. McIlvain

Clerk Hutson shared the report was in the Aldermen's packets and if there were any questions to please let the Treasurer know.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Approval - Vouchers for 08.23.2021

Alderwoman Evans moved for City Council approval of Vouchers for 08.23.2021 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

Economic Development & Planning, Zoning & Development – Alderman Spivey, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

Education, Parks and Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Edwards shared he attended Prairie Hills' Taste of Prairie Hills event, SD#144's Board Meeting, he has scheduled a meeting with the Supt of SD160 and has been speaking with businesses

and is working on scheduling meetings with Supt's of #227 and #228. Ald. will see what he can do to help them understand that it takes a village to raise a community and he will ask his fellow Aldermen to volunteer for Career Day to help the youth.

10. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Evans moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Junie Burnette, resident, shared she came to advocate for the Parks specifically Sunset Park at 180th and Vista Dr. Ms. Burnette shared the Park is in need of tender loving care. Ms. Burnette shared her visual board of Sunset Park. She shared that the Park has been neglected and with a population of 15,000 residents and with the taxes that are paid there are no excuses for the park to look this way. Ms. Burnette shared the park is in need of mulch. Ms. Burnette then shared she is also advocating for Marycrest Park, Marylake Park which along with Sunset Park and the most derelict parks in town. Ms. Burnette shared she visited all 13 parks, playgrounds, schools and walking paths and several are in terrible condition. Alderman Lockett asked Ms. Burnette to see Jerry Townsend and he would be able to assist her.

Nancy Switzer, resident, asked if she can see a treasurer's report and the collector's report. Ald. Lockett responded yes and Clerk Hutson shared she would provide Ms. Switzer a copy of each report. Ms. Switzer then shared her concern for a response for the speeding concern on Appletree Dr. She asked why Yale Dr. has speed bumps? She shared so much of Appletree is Hazel Crest and there was an accident at 172nd. Ald. Lockett asked Ms. Switzer to see Chief Galvin and he would be able to address her concerns.

Janice Ashley, resident of 21 years at 175th & Chestnut shared she has seen a major decline in Country Club Hills. Ms. Ashley shared the streets are not being maintained, she has been trying to get a tree trimmed on her parkway and nothing has happened. Street cleaning is of no existence she has no rapport with Ald. Lockett or anyone in the city. She shared she loves CCHills and she needs help. She has put in for snow removal and has never received the

service. She has a renter next door and she has concerns with trash maintenance and this needs to be addressed. Ald. Lockett asked Ms. Ashley if she contacted him and she said she left messages last year. Ald. Lockett said he will get her tree taken care of.

Anice Scott, resident, 34 years shared 177th St. always needs repairing of potholes every year and there needs to be a better plan. Ms. Scott shared the water bills are a problem. She shared the bill are erratic and she wanted to know what is happening with the readings. She said the water dept needs to be rectified. Ald. Lockett shared there is a software problem and residents need to see a water dept rep to resolve their concerns. Ms. Scott asked if the software has been repaired. Ald. Lockett said it has been fixed but he can't say it won't happen again.

Ms. Switzer asked about the software Ald. Lockett advised her to see Jerry or speak directly with the water dept.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Evans moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards thanked the residents for coming out and shared he received a call from the Mayor asking him not to have residents come to the meeting to work with them. Ald. Edwards shared he is fighting to show transparency in all aspects. Ald. Edwards shared there are so many things wrong in these notes. Ald. Edwards wants the city to prepare for daycare and camps. Ald. Edwards shared other municipalities have their youth programs open and we have to be accountable for how we take care of our youth. Ald. Edwards shared he will have a Education Committee meeting 4pm Sept. 9th at city hall.

Ald. Spivey thanked Ms. Ashley for coming out and thanked the department heads for the attendance to address the residents' concerns. Ald. Spivey also shared there are grants available from Gov. Pritzker and he would like to see the information could be shared with the small businesses by the Clerks Office and he would appreciate that.

Ald. Evans shared there has been residential concerns with parking in front of the mailboxes and after research she sees there is an ordinance in place to restrict parking within 15 ft of the mailbox and it is on a per complaint and per call basis. Also, per usps the mail will not be delivered if the mailbox is blocked. Ald. Evans shared there was a Stop Sign requested at Briargate and Glen Oaks, the traffic study is complete and it will move forward to committee and then to the Council Meeting for a vote. Ald. Evans addressed the parks concerns brought forward by Ms. Burnette. Ald. Evans shared Ms. Burnette has tried to contact the city via the Mayor, Director and herself. Ald. Evans shared the Park Board gives the city \$64,000 a month per intergovernmental agreement. Ald. Evans shared there were minor repairs and Ms. Burnette has been working on this park concern for 3 years. Ald. Evans shared the in 3 years the city has collected \$1.7million from the Park District. Ald. Evans shared this has been an ongoing concern with no resolution. Ald. Evans shared the Parks were supposed to be open by July 4th and this has not happened. Ald. Evans said it is shameful that the city has an intergovernmental agreement with the Park District and the job is not being done. Ald. Evans said Ms. June went to the Park Board and the Park Board said see the city. Ald. Evans shared the city has a full time employee and the recreation center is not open. Ald. Evans asked the resident who had pothole concerns to speak with public works. Ald. Evans shared she will have a Law and Ordinance meeting 4:30pm Sept 9th at City Hall.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Ayes:Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

1 Absent: Alderman Davis

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk