



## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Monday, January 24, 2022 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 masks are required, 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 7:05p.m. The in-person meeting was called to the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

### **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, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans, Alderman Spivey, Alderman Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present were City Treasurer, Deborah M. McIlvain, City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

### **3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE**

Invocation was presented by Pastor Peter Dorn of St. John Lutheran Church and School in Country Club Hills.

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:**

Mayor Ford commended Public Works for their work on snow removal with the recent snow events. Mayor Ford also shared his condolences for Mrs. Coleman and her family on the loss of her husband. Mayor Ford shared the city will do a better job sharing information allowing everyone to share their condolences.

**5. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY CLERK**

Clerk Hutson reminded everyone that Property Tax Rebate applications will be accepted through February 28<sup>th</sup>. She also that everyone please submit all required documents.

**6. CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT – PATRICIA D. HUTSON, CITY COLLECTOR**

**City Collector's Report as of 11.30.2021 Per City Collector Patricia D. Hutson**

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

**7. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – DEBORAH M. MCILVAIN, CITY TREASURER**

**City Treasurer's Report as of 11.30.2021 per City Treasurer Deborah McIlvain**

City Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain shared the Collector's Report for month ending November 30<sup>th</sup> reflect revenue in the amount of \$1,498,080.72 and expenses in the amount of \$5,209,557.92 and our expenses exceeded \$3,711,477.20 due to making our bond payments. The reports are in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Approval - Vouchers as of 01.24.2022**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$410,012.02 for 01.24.2022 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

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

No Report

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

Alderman Davis reminded the residents to please refrain from plowing the snow into the street. He shared this has an adverse effect on the neighbors because as the plow truck are plowing the snow is then pushed to the next open spot which will be their neighbor's driveway. Alderman Davis asked everyone to be courteous and not plow into the street.

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

Alderman Spivey shared that Big Lot's will have an anticipated Spring Grand Opening and Alderman Spivey shared the names of the businesses that have submitted applications for the Small Business Grants. Unbeatable Eatables, Fabulous Finds Consignment, What A Taco, Sweet Addicts Bakery, The Atrium, Dock's Fish, Frank and Lou's, Heritage Plaza, Kinder Korner, Baby's Cheesteak, K&V Spa, Touch of Beauty, National Cleaners, Miracles Revealed Chiropractic, Max Grille, Capita Dog Food, The Barber Shop, Beauty and Barber Suites, Johnsons Barber Beauty and Apparel 4 Life.

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

Alderman Edwards received a call for Hillcrest about their Black History Program. He is not sure if he will be able to lecture but he has fellow professors that will attend. He attended SD#160's meeting to meet with the superintendent. Alderman Edwards also shared SD#144 will have a vaccination event and he asked the Clerk Hutson and Dr. Booker to share the flyer on the social media page and the city website. Alderman Edwards will schedule a meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ford shared the next Regular Meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> which is Valentine's Day. The City Council has agreed to meet Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**9. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

**10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

There were no members of the public responding to the call.

**11. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

**12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Davis, No Report

Alderman Lockett shared to the public the snow removal is not immediate for the driveway. He also shared Public Works will plow the city streets then driveways and there is no need to call City Hall.

Alderwoman Evans shared in regards to snow removal the senior driveways are plowed after 2' of snow, M-F, 8am to 4:30pm, no weekends, no salting and no sidewalks. Alderwoman Evans inquired as to whether the concerns regarding the potential opening of the nail shop on 167<sup>th</sup> St. has been resolved?

Mayor Ford shared that has been taken care of. Mayor Ford shared the information submitted by Alderwoman Evans was shared on the website.

Alderman Spivey shared his appreciation to Public Works and thanked Mr. Harris who plows for seniors in his ward. He shared that this assistance does help relieve some of the burden from Public Works.

Alderman Edwards shared there were resident who came to the previous council meeting and were not admitted because they were not aware of the vaccine mandate and did not have the required documents. He also shared he has some concerns about the recent mandate. How was the information shared? Was it on the website, water bill or lobby? Alderman Edwards then shared he thought the Aldermen would be part of the group to determine the applicants and the amounts. Lastly, Alderman Edwards shared he has received calls about masks and inquired as to whether the city has masks.

Mayor Ford shared the city did not receive masks, that was a Chicago shipment for their Aldermen.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Clerk Hutson asked to be recognized and shared along with Alderman Edwards she too attended the Community Forum along with the Police Department and Fire Department were in attendance. School District #160 recognized and commended the city as a valuable resource for students and staff.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Ayes: Alderman Lockett, Davis, Evans, Spivey and Edwards

0 Nays:

0 Abstain:

0 Absent:

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk