



# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM

In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and in light of the Governor's most recent Declaration Lifting Mask Mandates, Mayor James W. Ford has determined that fully in-person meetings will be conducted.

## 1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance.

## 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 7:04p.m. The in-person meeting was called to the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Evans, Spivey, Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also present was City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

Excused as absent were Alderman Davis and City Treasurer Deborah M. McIlvain

## 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Leiwellyn Dixon of the Jubilee Faith Community Church in Country Club Hills.

## 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting 04.25.2022.
- B. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting 05.16.2022.

- C. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Administrative Meeting 05.23.2022.
- D. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Administrative Meeting 06.06.2022.
- E. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting 06.06.2022.
- F. Approval - Meeting Minutes for the Administrative Meeting 06.13.2022.

**Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 04.25.2022, 05.16.2022, 05.23.2022, 06.06.2022 and 06.13.2022 City Council Meeting Minutes. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 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:**

**Mayor Ford shared condolences to the family of former City of Country Club Hills First African American Police Chief Wilson Pierce on his passing. Mr. Pierce was also a founding member of the AAA Academy originally founded in Country Club Hills. Lastly, Mayor Ford shared that First Midwest is now Old National Bank and anyone who banks with them should contact them regarding their account.**

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

Clerk Hutson shared the following save the dates information;

State Treasurer's Office visit July 20th and Com-Ed visit July 20<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm in the lobby of City Hall

City Wide Garage Sale August 6<sup>th</sup> 8am – 3pm North and South of 183<sup>rd</sup> St ... sign up list at the front counter until July 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm

Back to School Parade Saturday August 20th – Contact Perry Cavitt 708-798-2616

Clerk Hutson also shared the following information;

Concert Shows tickets are on sale at the city website [www.countryclubhills.org](http://www.countryclubhills.org) via theater. Summer Interns are learning and working. We are preparing them for a professional career with a work plan of duties within their perspective departments.

Employment Opportunities;

CCHPD is are currently seeking lateral officers.

CCH Fire is looking for a CERTIFIED  
FULL-TIME (CAREER) FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC  
Job postings are on the blue line and the city website.

Lastly, Clerk Hutson shared Basic Operations Firefighter (BOF) and Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) will be offered again at Prairie State College this fall semester

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

### A. Approval - Vouchers as of 07.11.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Vouchers as of 07.11.2022 in the amount of \$489,714.26 to be issued when monies are available. Second, Alderman Edwards. 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.

### B. Approval -2022 Annual Group Insurance Renewals Via BCBSIL & Principal

- C. **Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2022 Annual Group Insurance Renewals via BCBSIL & Principal. Second, Alderwoman Evans. 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)

Ald. Evans shared she will hold her next committee meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and she has 7 items she is working on with the Building Department.

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

No Report

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

Ald. Spivey shared the Semmer Landscaping is building their new site in Country Club Hills near 184th and Cicero. Ald. Spivey shared he looks forward to having the business in towns. He also shared he will hold his next committee meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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

Ald. Edwards shared he will hold his next committee meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. He also shared he has acquired coloring books from First Midwest and he will acquire more from the Police and Fire Departments to disseminate to the school districts.

Ald. Edwards passed our concert theater flyers to promote the shows. He was also concerned that a recent theater lessee charged food vendors an additional fee in addition to the fee the city charges. Ald. Edwards asked if elected officials can purchase tickets for shows that are not promoted by the city. Lastly, Ald. Edwards shared he is reviewing the Parks & Recs programs and he will see how he can assist Director Ross.

## 8. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderwoman Evans. 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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## 9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Lillie Jenkins, resident, shared her appreciation to Ald. Evans for addressing a concern she had. Ms. Jenkins also shared residents leave their trash cans out after the permitted time and it looks very bad. Ms. Jenkins then asked when the power washing will occur? She also asked if the power washing will include the sidewalks, driveways and homes? Mayor Ford responded as he committed he will have the power washing done when the construction project is complete. Ms. Jenkins sang her appreciation to everyone.

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared she spoke with public works then AJ regarding her repairs. She shared she has reached out to AJ several times with no response. Ald. Lockett shared Commissioner Jones's entire staff had been out ill and he was the only person in the department. So please excuse his inability to respond. He shared he will return to the office. She shared she has received multiple answers as to who will make the repairs. She was told AT&T then Comcast. She shared her parkway is a mess. Ms. Switzer then asked about city charter information. Attorney Murphey responded we have a city code and no charter as we are governed by state law. Ms. Switzer addressed the meeting minutes on the agenda and asked if the alderman even read them or make corrections. Lastly, Ms. Switzer asked why Ald. Lockett calls for most of the motions.

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

Alderman Lockett 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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**11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Ald. Lockett motions that Ald. Lockett go first☺ Ald. Lockett shared he has the good, bad and sad. He shared condolences and asked for a moment of silence for his family the Faulkner family as his mother-in-law passed last night. He shared she and her husband were well known and respected entrepreneurs in the southland for many years. Ald. Lockett congratulated Director Ross on his pending retirement and thanked him for his years of service and dedication to the city. He then asked Director Ross to come forward and say a few words. Director Ross shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the residents over the years beginning as a Cub Scout Master, baseball, basketball and football coach. He was thank for the friendships and relationship established in his 32 years as a resident and 16 as Director of Parks & Recs. Ald. Lockett shared the city is moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan and asked everyone to support the concert shows.

Ald. Evans thanked Ms. Jenkins for the compliment and shared she will pass on the appreciation to the city staff members who assisted i.e. police, tire, public works and the office staff as she passes the residents' concerns to them and they address them. She also shared there needs to be a plan to communicate the power washing to residents in Fawn Ridge and Churchill Downs. Lastly, she shared she is working on a fireworks ordinance in committee to address personal fireworks.

Ald. Spivey thanked Director Agpawa for meeting with him to address 4<sup>th</sup> ward concerns. He also thanked Ms. Jenkins to coming out and he will assist in any way possible to facilitate a meeting with the CRG. He share CRG fired their previous landscaping contractor after recent incidents. Lastly, he shared the 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework provided by the city were fantastic.

Ald. Edward shared he does read the meeting minutes and has addressed corrections when needed. He also shared he has developed a flyer on certain ordinances and shared them with the residents. Lastly, he shared he is here to serve the people and he has been helping City Administrator , Carl Estelle with sharing flyers on the concerts.

Ald. Lockett shared if anyone called the police department on the 4<sup>th</sup> that the calls were not being ignored and the police were addressing concerns of calls regarding the sounds of gun shots first.

Mayor Ford shared the CUBES will handle the power washing.

## 12. 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 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "H".

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk