



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, August 08, 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.

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 7:06PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Alderman Vincent Lockett.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance and lead by Mayor pro tem Alderman Vincent Lockett.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans and Alderman Edwards. Also present was the Administrative Team.

Excused as Absent – Mayor James W. Ford, Alderman Ricardo Spivey, City Treasurer, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney John Murphey.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was not presented at this meeting.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Special City Council Meeting Minutes for 06.23.2022

Approval - Administrative Meeting Minutes 07.11.2022

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting 07.11.2022

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Special Meeting Minutes for 06.23.2022, Administrative Meeting Minutes 07.11.22 and Regular Meeting Minutes 07.11.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

Mayor pro tem Lockett shared the city wide garage sale was a success, the Back to School Parade is scheduled for Saturday August 20th at 10am to 1pm and asked everyone to support the Amphitheater shows and information is online at www.countryclubhills.org

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

City Clerk Hutson shared information on employment opportunities available with various city departments and available on the website at www.countryclubhills.org Clerk Hutson shared the July 20th lobby visit with Com-Ed and State of Illinois Treasurer's Office. Resident were given information on energy saving tips and I-Cash searches for available monies and LED bulbs from Com-Ed. Summer Interns are gone. We are hopeful their work experience was of value and we look forward to working with them again.

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

City Collector's Reports as of 04.30.2022, 05.31.2022 and 06.30.2022

Clerk Hutson shared the reports are in the Aldermen's packets and copies are on the information table. If there are any questions to please let her know.

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

City Treasurer's Reports as of 04.30.2022, 05.31.2022 and 06.30.2022 per City Treasurer Deborah McIlvain

Clerk Hutson shared the reports are in the Aldermen's packets and copies are on the information table. If there are any questions to please let her know.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Vouchers as of 07.25.2022

Approval - Vouchers as of 08.08.2022

Approval - Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer for Public Works

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$608,184.00 for 08.08.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – Ald. Davis requested the purchase of the 2022 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$48,771.25 for Public Works be excluded from the vouchers until more information is available.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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)

Approval - An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Country Club Hills City Code

Alderwoman Evans moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Country Club Hills City Codes. Second-Alderman Edwards. Discussion – Ald. Edwards asked Alderwoman Evans to verbally review the changes in detail. Alderwoman went through each section of the Ordinance Amendment and provided clarity for all in attendance per

copies of the Ordinance Amendment OA-10-22 shared on the information table. Ald. Edwards then asked if residents will get a warning before tickets. Ald. Evans responded yes they will receive a notice prior to tickets.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

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

Approval - Of the lowest responsible bid for the 183rd Invest in Cook Resurfacing Project

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of the lowest responsible bid for the 183rd Invest in Cook Resurfacing Project. Second-Alderman Edwards. Discussion – Ald. Davis shared this item was discussed in the public works committee meeting prior to the council meeting and the lowest bidder's amount is D Construction with \$1,168,152.60.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

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

No Report

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

Ald. Edwards shared he is working with the Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Fire and Police along with Old National Bank to provide coloring books and crayons for the Pre-K and kindergarteners in sd#160 and SD#144. Ald. Edwards shared his next committee meeting will be held 08.18.2022 at 5:00pm Lastly, Ald. Edwards shared he attended the Senior Fish Fry and a great time was had by all.

10. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Rudy Little, resident, shared his concerns with street repairs especially on 167th St. near his home and the repairs stopped just before his house. He shared the streets are in terrible condition and appearance matters. He then shared the Wal-Mart shopping carts are left in his neighborhood, there are children walking in the streets and vehicle parking is out of control. Mr. Little shared many homeowners have more vehicles than they have parking accommodations for.

Rachel Fisher, resident, shared she has been picking up trash for quite some time and she would like to see fines issued to the offenders. She shared she picks up food containers, liquor bottles etc and she is now concerned about her property value as this seems to be the norm. Ms. Fisher shared it was not like this when she moved to Country Club Hills and she would like to see a resolution to this ongoing problem. She also shared her street was in great condition then a waste hauler truck came down the street and left a stain on her street in the middle of the entire block. She would like to know if public works can clean it and shared it would not be acceptable in other towns. Lastly, she shared she reached out to Ald. Davis and will follow up with him for assistance and to find out who her alderman is.

Harry William Jones Jr., resident, shared he recently read the fake news regarding Ald. Davis attendance. He shared he was not as concerned about his attendance at the council meeting as he is whether Ald. Davis is addressing residents concerns and servicing his constituents. Mr. Jones then shared members of the City Council were not present tonight including the Treasurer who is never present. Mr. Jones then shared there a snake on the council and Ald. Spivey is the snake. He shared Ald. Spivey is the weak link. He then shared EDC has not brought any new businesses to Country Club Hills. He shared Ald. Spivey is trying to discourage Ald. Davis from running in the next Mayoral election and regardless of his efforts Ald. Spivey will not win. Mr. Jones pledged his money and his vote to Ald. Davis for whichever direction he chooses to take.

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared her parkway has been repaired and the sidewalk she shares has been repaired as well. She shared she has a stop sign at her property and she too has a littering problem from fast food establishments on 167th St. Lastly, she shared she would like to see the littering problem addressed.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards shared he has been working with Joe at Wal-Mart to address the shopping carts in the neighborhood and he also has found motorized scooters from Wal-Mart in his neighborhood as well. He shared he has spoken with Chief Galvin about the over abundance of vehicles parked across the sidewalk and that is why the youth are walking in the streets. Ald. Edwards shared has spoken with 14 vendors about advertising for the Amphitheater and 12 accepted the flyers he was sharing. Lastly, he shared he has tried to address street lights that are out and he has one out in front of his home that he can't get repaired.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Davis moved for adjournment. Second by Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

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