



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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 7:13PM. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was presented by all in attendance and lead by Mayor Ford.

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 was the Administrative Team and City Attorney John Murphey(via phone).

Excused as Absent – None

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor Leiwellyn Dixon of Jubilee Faith Community Church.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 09.12.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 09.12.2022. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

Approval - Agreement with IAFF for New Firefighter/Paramedics

Mayor Ford shared this agreement with help retain staff of Firefighter/Paramedics as this is a problem within the profession.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of R Agreement with IAFF for New Firefighter/Paramedics. Second, Alderman Evans. Discussion –Ald. Evans asked if this was worked out with the union and if there was an agreement for wage garnishment. Attorney Murphey shared we do not have that in the agreement and it would not be conducive because it would be a court challenge incurring attorney fees etc. There was ongoing conversation regarding this matter and all concerns were addressed. Chief Hullinger also spoke on the difficulty of retaining staff.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Approval - Country Club Hills Redevelopment Agreement with J & T Group

Mayor Ford shared this item was presented at the Administrative Meeting and asked for a motion.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Country Club Hills Redevelopment Agreement with J & T Group. Second – None. Discussion was ongoing regarding the professionalism, legitimacy and benefits for the citizens of Country Club Hills by Ald. Davis, Edwards, Spivey and Evans. Mayor Ford shared would like the council to consider this property as a sample. There was continued discussion

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

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

Clerk Hutson shared her recent attendance at Illinois Municipal League seminars and how informational the speakers were for southland municipalities.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Vouchers as of 09.26.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$499,195.64 for 09.26.2022 when funds are available. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion – None.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

Approval - Ordinance Amending Section 1.5.05 Of The Country Club Hills City Code Relating To Compensation Of The City Clerk

Ald. Lockett shared this item did not make it out of the finance committee because the consensus was an elected official should not ask for a raise and this item is tabled.

Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 09.29.2022 5:30pm)

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

Ald. Davis

Economic Development & Planning, Zoning & Development – Alderman Spivey, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 09.29.2022 6:30pm)

Education, Parks and Recs– Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 09.29.2022 5:00pm)

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 Alderman Edwards. Discussion – none.**

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Maurice Taylor, resident, shared his concern about receiving a red notice on his door from the water department. He shared he previously received a normal bill for months and then received a \$217.00 bill for 19,000 gallons which he didn't think he used. He shared he does not have a pool. Mayor Ford asked him to see Jerry after the meeting and someone will look into it.

Clifton Graham, resident, asked for petition information and then proceeded to share the Black Caucus will hold a meeting in Hazel Crest tomorrow and asked why the information was not shared. Mayor Ford shared the meeting is for Mayors. Mr. Graham then shared he would buy all 13 abandoned properties in Country Club Hills for \$100,000 cash.

Harry Evans, resident, asked about the 183rd Street project and why the city would allow the CDBG Grant to disfigure a perfectly good concrete street and replace it with asphalt. Mr. Evans shared that 183rd Street is the greatest street in Country Club Hill. Mayor Ford shared it's not

the city's decision it's up to Cook County engineers to determine the repairs needed. There was ongoing discussion regarding this matter.

Florence Taylor, resident, shared she has resided in Country Club Hills since 1987 and her box was located in the driveway, moved and she needs her landscaping repaired from the move by Country Club Hills.

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 Edwards. Discussion – none.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards shared he drove through the neighborhood and encouraged everyone to get to know their elected officials.

Ald. Spivey thanked everyone for attending and agreed that 183rd Street is a great street.

Ald. Evans shared her frustration regarding emailed she has sent to Public Works and has yet to receive a response. She shared she has sent multiple emails regarding trees in need of trimming, potholes, subdivision signs in need of repairs etc. She shared Aldermen are not in office daily and depend on communicating with staff via phone and email. She then asked Mr. Graham for clarity on his question about petitions. Mayor shared was regarding the April 2023 Consolidated Election. Ald. Evans shared she thinks the IAFF agreement is a start with the process.

Ald. Lockett reminded everyone kids are back in school. They're walking in the street so please be mindful. He also reminded everyone to spray their homes for bugs and rodents. Lastly, he shared be safe as COVID is still alive.

Ald. Davis shared the 183rd Street project is an Invest in Cook and the city added \$600,000 for the CDBG (neighborhood streets). He shared 183rd Street is a County street.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

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