



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, October 10, 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 7:11PM. 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 – RECORDING SECRETARY

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Lockett, Alderman Spivey, Alderman Edwards, and Mayor Ford.

Excused as Absent – Alderman Davis, Alderwoman Evans

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - City Council Meeting Minutes Administrative Meeting 09.19.2022 and Regular Meeting of the City Council 09.26.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Administrative Meeting Minutes for 09.19.2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes for 09.26.2022. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 2 Alderman Davis and Evans

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

- A. SD#228 State of the District - Board Member Kim Kampwirth

Kristine Russler, Board President for Bremen High School District 228 stated that the students needed assistance. The district has a 24/7 assistance called Paper. Enrollment has increased. They are improving their current safety protocols. Three areas they are improving: communication/language, technology, and technology to identify weapons. The district has AAA rating and 17 million dollars in working cash reserve. There are enhancement projects and renovations taken place in the schools. They are working on a digital newsletter and social media.

Alderman Edwards asked who was the new principal for Hillcrest. Kristine stated the new principal was just hired.

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

- C. Country Club Hills Police Department Updates

Police Chief Galvin stated three areas personnel resources, crime status, and current crime trends

The Police Department has 33 full time police officers, 3 laterals, 1 part-time inspector 1 p/t officer 3 full time CSOs, 5 part-time CSOs, 4 full-time record clerks

The crime status: Jan 2022-Sept 2022 – 10,368 calls, 644 arrests, 746 moving tickets 1,840 parking tickets, 142 written warnings, 87 shots fired calls.

Crime trends: Stolen vehicles, specifically Hyundai's and Kias. 21 reported so far. Multiple arrests were made. There is a partnership with Hyundai to give out steering wheel locks. Public Safety Day is Saturday, October 15th.

- D. Country Club Hills Building Department Updates

Building Commissioner Jones stated there is a Fall Branch Pick up for October 15th for the south of 183rd and October 22nd for the north of 183rd and the branches

must be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. the morning of pickup and the branches may not be any longer than 3 to 4 ft.

Fall is coming so we wanted to warn you about trees and leaves falling into your gutters. And clear from all leaves and debris that will help protect your foundation from any leakage. Garbage cans can't be left out after garbage pick up so please take your garbage cans in after pick up so that you don't receive pay violations.

Property Maintenance reports are given to you if any violations are found on your property. If you have any issues with making the repairs you can contact the building department and we will make some type of provisions for you and work with you in any way possible to help. We have 114 we issued and that's a good sign that everyone is out trying to improve their home and be in compliance. For the month of September about 5 new businesses that are currently being in process of being inspected and approved.

Alderman Edwards asked if residents were notified in the water bills about Branch pickup. Commissioner Jones stated yes. Alderman Edwards mentioned that he passed out ordinances in reference to the garbage cans.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Vouchers as of 10.10.2022

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$700,529.91 for 10.10.2022. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
	Absent:	2 Alderman Davis and Evans

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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderwoman Evans, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 11.17.2022 5:30pm)

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

A. Approval - An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval for ordinance 0-15-22 declaring certain City owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. Second by Alderman Spivey

Discussion- Alderman Edwards stated some of these cars got over 62,000 miles. I cannot understand what has happened to the cars with that low amount of mileage that forces us to sell them. I can see some cars with 100,000-mile, but the ones with 50,000-60,000 what happened I wish we could have a discussion at admin meeting to understand exactly why these cars are in this condition or something Alderman Lockett stated this is a Housekeeping item that is done every year and we can move on to approve it if you like to pull some of the car, some vehicles may not be functioning. Alderman Edwards asked exactly where do the funds go after the sale and why does the residents not get the first option to buy them. Alderman Lockett said these cars are a liability that's the reason why we getting rid of them one or two things. He said we should run these vehicles through auction and that way City won't have any liability of the conditions of these vehicles. Alderman Edwards asked if council members get the information on the total sales. Alderman Lockett mentioned they could be present at the sale. The funds go to the General Fund account. We can't set a date if it's Council doesn't approve it. In order to go forward this is the first step you have to say you approve the idea of getting rid of the cars. One thing about the police vehicles is that the engines on those cars might have gone out you can't do anything but scrap them. Mayor stated he would give Alderman Edwards a couple of vehicles to see if they were worth keeping. The city's spending more money on something that's not worth it. Jerry and the Public Safety Inspector can help you with this if you need help.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
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Alderman Lockett mentioned That's what the vehicle of the asphalt resurfacing proven update is the cdbg next step is milling and grinding of the existing payment and scheduled to start this Thursday October 17th resurfacing of the roads with new service that would start the end of the week on 17th and invest in Cook's concrete worth which is curved side work where it should wrap up at the early part of next week. once you cross three work has been completed the milling and the grinding will start. The streets has been an inconvenience to some of the residents and we have resolved many of the issues. We greatly appreciate the patience of the residents impacted by these streets improvements. There will be no change in the trash and recycling schedule unless otherwise notified by the City. Also reported, the City CDBG project consists of the resurfacing of 5 City streets and they are as follows: School Street to Princeton Lane to Yale Lane, 180th Street from Kostner Avenue to Ravisloe Terrace Lakeview Drive to Ravisloe Terrace to Pulaski Road, Kostner Avenue 182nd Place to 180th Street Chestnut Drive 194th Street to 194th Court. Don't forget about Branch Pickup.

Mayor Ford mentioned that all the elected officials received a copy of the streets report. Alderman Edwards asked about the DACO. There was discussion between Alderman Lockett and Alderman Edwards about the status of the DACO project. Project Manager, Jerry Townsend stated that DACO is still in review. They will send it once it becomes available. It has been approved, but the funds hasn't been sent. Mayor Ford mentioned that the Finance Committee added an additional \$600,000 to the street program which means that that's \$150,000 for each ward. That's the money that can be used for individuals streets for each ward. If you had a specific street that you want to get for resurface if it fell within \$150,000 then we could do that for you.

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

Alderman Spivey talked about the TCI Transportation Project. He spoke with Mike Spolar who said that there are some things going on with them with the engineer of that project. They should start shortly at 4851 w 171st Street. Also AJ just mentioned that there were five businesses here and he sent me some information we had a conversation Friday and sent me an email. When it comes to Economic Development and the committee it seems like businesses are coming into town without going to the committee or if a meeting is called, AJ doesn't attend. Moving forward all members should attend and go through the proper protocols to bring in new businesses.

Education, Parks & Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – 11.17.2022 5:00pm)

Alderman Edwards mentioned November 17th at 5pm, Education, Parks & Rec meeting. I'd like to thank the fire chief and the deputy chief they gave me 150 books. So I can just give district 144 and 160 their box. I'm going over to district 227 and 160 to meet the principals and work out some programs. Lunch today with the top in mentor I discussed with a top mentor about how they can come to our community and do some work and help our schools. I received a letter today from Prairie Hill Junior High for November 3rd at 5:30pm at dinner all elected officials are invited.

7. 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 Spivey, Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
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	Abstains:	0
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8. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Hosea Gray, resident, mentioned he wanted to talk about the Water Improvement fund. He haven't seen anything lately and would like to know how much the funds are in it and it's going to do next year or 2024. He stated how he appreciated the streets being resurfaced on Michael Street. He will check with his Alderman to see how the \$150,000 is being spent. We don't have a profit/loss statement for the theater yet this year, where they made money or lost money. Whatever the case, the \$350,000 for the theater could be used toward the wards. Did we get any information about the cameras that supposed to go on the expressway from Senator Hastings? The noise ordinance needs to be amended and enforced. He would like to know who the Fire Chief and Director of Public Works are. Nothing has been mentioned about the school scores from the school president. Mayor Ford mentioned after the meeting, he can answer all the questions except the school scores which they could attend a school board meeting.

Jerry Harris, resident, stated he didn't have any streetlights for about a year. Sometimes his garbage and recycling bin aren't being picked up. Mayor Ford and Alderman Spivey said they were not aware of that and will take care of that.

9. 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, Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
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10. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards said him coming here is not to argue or disrespect Mr. Lockett but I need services, potholes, streets fixed. He's here to get something done.

Alderman Spivey mentioned that streets are being taken care in his ward and asked everyone to be careful driving through. One Hundred Black Men will be having their annual Scholarship Fair, this

Saturday 9a-2p at the UIC Forum.

Alderman Lockett stated he was not debating but trying to answer questions. With the theft of Hyundai's and Kias please be careful and protect your vehicle. Be careful with kids walking from school. The City Halloween event is Saturday, Oct 29. On Sunday the 30th, he will be doing a trunk or treat at the theater. He talked about the increase in fees for utility services. He wished CSO, Mark White a farewell who left for Las Vegas.

Mayor Ford mentioned that October is Cancer Awareness Month. Also, there is work being done on 183rd Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Edwards, Discussions – None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ayes:	3 Alderman Lockett, Spivey, and Edwards
	Nays:	0
	Abstains:	0
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The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Danielle Moss, Recording Secretary

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