



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 23, 2023 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. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street at 7:08PM. 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, Evans, Edwards and Mayor Ford. Also in attendance were the City Administrator and the Administrative Cabinet.

Excused as Absent – Alderman Davis and Alderman Spivey

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was lead by Pastor James King of the United Christian Church in Country Club Hills.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for 01.09.2023**

**Approval - Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for the 2023-2024 Theater and Budget**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 01.09.2023 and the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting 01.09.2023. Second, Alderwoman Evans.  
Discussion-None

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

**Approval - Appointment of Jennifer Braun-Denton as City Treasurer for the unexpired term of Deborah M. McIlvain.**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the appointment of Jennifer A. Braun-Denton as City Treasurer to complete the unexpired term of Deborah M. McIlvain. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion-None

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

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson swore-in Jennifer A. Braun-Denton as City Treasurer and Treasurer Braun-Denton introduced her family and photos were taken to commemorate the appointment with her family and the City Council. Treasurer Braun-Denton was then seated on the dais.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared the Clerk's Office is currently preparing for the business license renewal season and there will be new implementations to bring all renewing businesses current with city codes.

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

City Collector's Report as of 12.31.022

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared the report is in the packet and if there were any concerns to please let her know.

**8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – NO REPORT**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman**  
(Committee Meeting – 02.13.2023)

**Approval - Accounts Payables Vouchers as of 01.23.2023**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$386,410.66 for 01.23.2023 as funds are available. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – None

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

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

**Approval - 2023-2024 Theater Budget**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2023-2024 Theater Budget. Second, Alderwoman Evans. Discussion – Alderman Edwards asked for confirmation that of the City Council request that the Finance Committee will receive a detailed expenditure report after each concert. Mayor Ford and Alderman Lockett confirmed the request and also shared the information is in the previous meeting minutes. Alderman Edwards then requested he have the opportunity to speak with the promoter about better acts for the Theater. Mayor Ford agreed to the request .

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

Alderman Evans shared her next Committee Meeting will be held February 16, 2023 at 5:30pm.

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

No Report

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

Approval - 2023-2024 Theater Budget (This item was placed under the Finance Committee)

**Approval - Place the TIF Eligibility Report for Property North of 175th and West of Cicero Avenue for Public Inspection in person and on the City's Website**

Per Alderman Spivey's request Attorney Felicia Frazier shared the TIF Eligibility Report will be placed at the front counter and online for a minimum of 10 days for public viewing per TIF requirements. The next phase to move this item forward will be shared as the City Council proceeds.

Alderman Evans moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$386,410.66 for 01.23.2023. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – None

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

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

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

Alderman Edwards shared the Park District has new employees and he would like them to attend his Committee meeting because he has ideas for them. Alderman Edwards also thanked Alderman Evans for donating five bags of new clothes to Rich Central for displaced students who recently arrived from outside the United States. Her also shared he is working on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade goals for students. He is working with businesses to assist students with haircuts, manicures, pedicures, clothing etc in preparation for graduation.

**10. 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, Discussions – None**

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

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

**11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Nancy Switzer, resident for 44-45 years, shared she previously shared that according to city code the meeting minutes should be available to the public at the meeting for which they are to be approved. Mayor Ford and Attorney Frazier both confirmed the minutes are available after they are approved because the minutes may be in need of corrections. Mrs. Switzer also shared the website continues to share outdated information. Mrs. Switzer then asked when street repairs will occur. She said she saw some recent patchwork but the street hear 171<sup>st</sup> Place and Appletree is in terrible condition. Mayor Ford shared there was some patchwork done and the actual street repairs will begin in spring of 2023 as DECO monies are coming in. Mrs. Switzer then shared she hopes the potential development near Capital Pet Foods will not be a warehouse. Mayor Ford shared that will be up to the developer. Lastly, Mrs. Switzer shared the City Council meetings do not start on time and she previously mentioned there are cars parked on the no parking zone at the end of the walkway and that continues to happen during council meetings.

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

**Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public.  
Second by Alderman Edwards, Discussions – None**

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

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

**13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS**

Alderman Lockett wished everyone a Happy New Year and shared that we will be experiencing some challenging weather soon and reminded everyone to get ready and make the necessary preparations.

Alderwoman Evans had no report

Alderman Edwards directed his comments to Mrs. Switzer that he has been working with the city to make the needed street repairs on 171<sup>st</sup>, near KinderCare and Central which are on his street repair list. He then shared he would like the elected officials to do a better job in 2023. Lastly, he asked department heads to meet with the Aldermen and residents.

Mayor Ford reminded everyone that the elected officials are here to serve the public. Mayor Ford then reminded the seniors that with the impending snow event on Wednesday that all city streets must be plowed before public works will plow the senior driveways.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Edwards. Discussion – None**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk