



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, August 14, 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 7:03pm. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor

### 1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

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

Also in attendance was City Treasurer Steven Burris, City Administrator Carl Estelle and the Administrative Team.

### 3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony King of Jeremiah Church International Church of Country Club Hills.

### 4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Regular Meeting of the City Council Minutes for July 10, 2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 07.10.2023.  
Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, 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.

**B. Approval - Regular Meeting of the City Council Minutes for July 24, 2023**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for 07.24.2023.  
Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:**

Mayor Ford announced the partnership for Senior Transportation within Country Club Hills with Rich Township. The service has a ten passenger van and a bus with a hydraulic lift. Mayor Ford also shared Mr. Ralph Bellamy is the transportation driver.

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

City Clerk Patricia D. Hutson shared information on upcoming event hosted by the Benjamin O. Davis Post 311 VFW which will be left in the lobby of city hall. National Voter Registration Day Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm in the lobby of city hall.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Approval - Accounts Payables as of August 14, 2023**

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$753,754.54 as of August 14, 2023. Second, Alderman Davis. Discussion-None

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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**Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract –**  
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

No Report

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

Alderman Davis shared there are several requests for speed bumps that will be coming soon near Marycrest and 186<sup>th</sup> St.

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

Alderman Spivey shared the 2023 Source Grant which will provide \$40 million in grants to small business to help stabilize operations, foster recovery and resiliency and advance equity in a post-pandemic economy. The Grant window is open July 20<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup> .

[cookcountysmallbiz.org/sourcegrant/#](https://www.cookcountysmallbiz.org/sourcegrant/#)

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

Alderman Edwards thanked Mayor Ford for a recent donation for a small business in need of assistance. He then thanked Police, Fire, Public Works the Mayor and the City Council for their support in the ongoing improvements in Ward 1.

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

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

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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**9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Harry William Jones Jr., resident, shared his frustration with Mayor Ford's dysfunctional leadership of the city. He shared the Operation Center looks like a junkyard and the white fence is green. Lastly, he shared the Mayor should be ashamed of himself by naming a building after himself.

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared she was a few minutes late and the meeting started on time. She then shared at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting she complimented the beginning of the road repairs and she has seen no progress since. She then shared the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were added to the website today and the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was listed on two consecutive agendas. She also shared the website is a hot mess.

Dwyer Williams, resident, shared his frustration with the incorrect water bills over recent months as he continues to pay on time.

Judge John Fairman, offered his services in supporting the Fire and Police Departments in dealing with mental health related calls. He shared he is currently working with State and Federal officials and would like to assist Country Club Hills. He also shared he is in the process of establishing a foundation to provide services in the southland.

**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, Discussions – None**

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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## 11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards responded to Nancy Switzer's concern about the street repairs by sharing it takes time to get this work done and the contractor is working on multiple sites throughout the city. He shared he will have an unofficial meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Alderman Spivey thanked the Mayor and Supervisor Jordan for the transportation program. He also thanked Director Agpawa for assisting in identifying street repairs in his ward. Lastly, he shared the Back to School Parade will be held Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Alderman Lockett shared his excitement about the transportation program and the book bags that will be given out at the Back to School Parade are for Country Club Hills children. Lastly, he shared COVID is still alive and he has a friend in critical condition due to COVID.

Alderman Davis shared he met with the Mayor and grass has been cut in his ward. He then shared information on the Cornerstone Church, 4101 Flossmoor, food sharing program for August 31<sup>st</sup> 10am to 12noon.

Clerk Hutson responded to Nancy Switzer's concern about the meeting minutes and shared one of the meeting minutes was for an Administrative Meeting and the other was for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Ford shared he has continuously worked hard along with staff to make the City of Country Club Hills a beautiful city in the southland. He then shared street maintenance is an ongoing process and then introduced Ralph Bellamy as the city transportation driver for the Rich Township program.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL

CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey and Edwards

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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this date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk