



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, December 11, 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. 183rd Street at 7:09PM. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor James W. Ford.

1a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by all in attendance and lead by Mayor James W. Ford.

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

Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards, Hutson. Also in attendance were City Administrator-Carl Estelle, City Treasurer Steven Burris and the Administrative Cabinet.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller of the Jeremiah Temple church of Country Club Hills. Alderman Lockett shared his recent visit with Pastor Tiller, First Lady Tiller and the congregation during their event November 25th. He shared his enjoyment at the event.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Approval - Regular City Council Meetings Minutes October 23, 2023

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes 10.23.2023. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion-None.

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

Mayor introduced Jennifer Braun-Denton Chairman of the Environmental Commission who shared the Commission will go out Thursday December 14th to judge those houses that were entered in the 2023 Holiday House Decorating Contest.

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

Clerk Hutson reminded everyone of the City's efforts to collect non-perishables for those in need. She also asked everyone to be sure the items have not exceeded their expiration dates. Clerk Hutson then reminded everyone State Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin has a donation box in the lobby as she is collecting coats for those in need at the Country Club Hills PADS Shelter. Lastly Clerk Hutson shared the 2023 year in review from the Office of the Clerk. There was an increase in revenue for business licensing and additional requirements to obtain a business license to ensure the businesses are meeting state and city requirements and the implementation of requirements for 2024.

Mayor Ford an invitation to seniors to attend the Senior Holiday Luncheon Thursday December 14th at 11:30am to 1pm in the lower level of City Hall on behalf of himself and the City Council.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of December 11, 2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,260,051.71 for 12.11.2023 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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

B. Approval - 2023-2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2023-2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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B. Approval - An Ordinance Providing For The Levy, Assessments and Collection of the Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of an Ordinance (O-25-23) Providing For The Levy, Assessments and Collection of the Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – Alderman Lockett shared after a long discussion the committee agreed upon 3.8%.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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C. Approval - 2023 Truth In Taxation

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the 2023 Truth in Taxation document. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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D. Approval - A Resolution Directing the County Clerk to Reduce the Amount Added To The City's Levy for Loss and Cost

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Resolution(R-25-23)Directing the County Clerk to Reduce the Amount Added To The City's Levy for Loss and Cost. Second, Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Hutson shared his Committee held a meeting Monday December 4th at 6:30pm and his next meeting is TBA.

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

A. Approval - IDOT MFT Resolution (R-26-23) for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code FY 2022/23 & 2023/24

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of IDOT MFT Resolution (R-26-23) for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code FY 2022/23 & 2023/24. Second, Alderman Edwards. Discussion – Alderman Davis shared the items included were sidewalk repair and replacement, regulatory sign replacements, road salt and other related items. Alderman Hutson inquired as to when the work will resume in 2024. Alderman Davis shared sidewalks will resume in the Spring. Alderman Spivey asked the Clerk to repeat the Resolution number. Alderman Edwards shared the \$600,000 was put in the budget and he was wondering if that carries over to 2024. Alderman Davis shared this is not the same financial item and shared this can be looked at during budget season and it can be discussed during a public works meeting. Mayor Ford shared we can get clarity on that at a later date.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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Alderman Davis then shared the Homewood Disposal 2024 recycle schedule is available and he will have them on the information table.

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

Alderman Spivey shared his next meeting is TBA and asked everyone to support the local businesses in Country Club Hills.

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

Alderman Edwards shared December 20th 11am there is a meeting with students and mentors. He recently visited the school and was impressed with their equipment. Lastly, he shared the Senior were having a dinner December 23rd and the Senior Luncheon is December 14th. He also shared he was trying to get something on the website and he was unsuccessful. He shared the Homewood Disposal should be on the website as well. He has asked for Facebook and the website.

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: 5 Alderman Lockett, Davis, Spivey, Edwards and Hutson
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Absent: 0

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9. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Nancy Switzer, resident, shared she too questioned the website. She then asked how the Food Donation Program was advertised. Ms. Switzer then shared she submitted a FOIA November 27th, received a call from Clerk Hutson that was being mailed and has yet to receive it. Lastly, she shared she had not seen the new street sweeper in her neighborhood and wanted to know when it will be in her area.

Candace Capalillo, resident for over 24 years shared she has concerns about a resident on her block. There have been ongoing serious concerns for five years. She then shared she believes this is a rental property and the landlord lives out of state.

Mayor Ford shared the Building Commissioner Stephanie Chaney is available to speak with her after the meeting.

10. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Edwards moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussions – None

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson shared the sink holes on 179th St. has been waiting on a start date since October and M & J is scheduled to start after the holiday. He has asked Public Works to cover the holes for safety purposes. He reiterated the Coat Drive is being held by State Rep Debbie Meyers-Martin. Lastly, Ald. Hutson shared if you see something say something.

Alderman Davis shared the street sweeper has been in operation and he will work on a schedule for 2024. He thanked Ms. Capalillo for sharing her concerns. He has been in discussion with the Police Dept. about that property. Ald. Davis then shared he received calls about a person going door to door soliciting and reminded everyone you can call the police if you are uncertain to a solicitor's legitimacy. Lastly, he wished the residents and colleagues a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Ford shared anyone soliciting should have an solicitors card from the Clerk's Office. Clerk Hutson shared she sends approved solicitors notifications to the Mayor, City Administrator and the Police Department.

Alderman Lockett shared his appreciation to all who attended the Holiday Tree Lighting December 2nd . He shared the Toy Drive is December 16th from 1pm to 3pm at City Hall. He shared is so proud of the Midwest Hawks Cheerleaders who competed in Florida and won three First Place Championships. Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Alderman Spivey wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He will resume his 4th Ward meeting mid January.

Alderman Edwards shared the street sweeper has been in the area because he has seen and heard it. He asked for help with the schools. He also asked for Kwanzaa support Dec26th January 1st .

Alderman Lockett asked for a moment of silence for Alderman Hutson's brother, Randy Jerome Hutson who passed away December 9th and asked everyone to keep the Hutson family in our prayers.

Alderman Edwards shared he and Mayor discussed asking Alderman Lockett for numbers to host a pizza party for the Midwest Hawks.

Mayor Ford Bremen Township Tax Appeal window with the Board of Review is open and will close January 2nd 2024.

Treasurer Burris wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hutson moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Spivey. Discussion – None

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

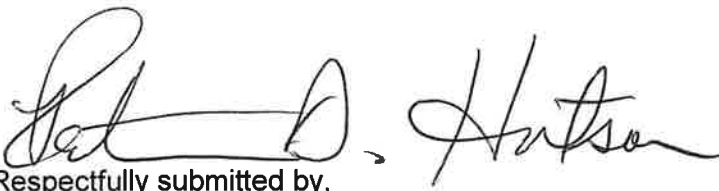
Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm



Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk