



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 22, 2024 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 7:05PM. 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, Edwards, Spivey, Hutson, City Treasurer Steven Burris and Attorney Frazier. Also in attendance were City Administrator-Carl Estelle and the Administrative Cabinet.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The Invocation was led by Leroy Barnes.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023. Second, 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.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 HOLIDAY HOUSE CONTEST RECIPIENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON JENNIFER BRAUN-DENTON

Mayor Ford shared his appreciation to the residents for decorating their homes during the holidays and also thanked the Environmental Commission for their hard work and dedication in the selection process. Mayor Ford and Chairperson Braun presented to all who were in attendance and took photographs with the alderman from each ward.

Ward 1 1st Place: Anthony & Sharon King

2nd Place: Latoya Griffin

Ward 2 1st Place: Jesse & Deborah Walker

2nd Place: Salvador Zamora

Ward 3 1st Place: The Schmidt Family

2nd Place: Nita & Kenneth Sims

Ward 4 1st Place: Limsela Navales

2nd Place: Sharon Griffin

Ward 5 1st Place: Vicki Allen

2nd Place: Jorge & April Montoya

2023 Holiday Lights "Overall" Winner

Ward 4 Christopher Wiley

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

Clerk Hutson shared the locations of the Illinois Secretary of State's Senior Only facilities.

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

City Collector's Report as of December 31, 2023

Clerk Hutson shared the reports are in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know.

8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – STEVEN R. BURRIS, CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023

Treasurer Burris shared as of December 31, 2023 the balance was \$20,947,725.86, Revenue was \$4,751,911.39, Disbursements were \$5,200,681.64 and the expenses exceeded revenues due to bond payments made in December.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – January 22, 2024 6:30pm)

Approval - Accounts payables as of January 22, 2024.

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$842,456.22 for January 22, 2024 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Hutson. 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.

Approval - IMRF Coordinator Steven R. Burris, City Treasurer

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of a Resolution to appoint the city IMRF Coordinator Steven R. Burris, City Treasurer. Second, Alderman Davis. 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.

Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Contract – Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – February 6, 2024 at 6:00pm)

Alderman Hutson shared the Law and Ordinance Committee will meet Monday February 5, 2024 at 6:30pm

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm)

Alderman Davis shared the Public Works Committee will meet Monday February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm

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

Alderman Spivey shared Planet Fitness is coming near Big Lot and a new owner will take over the Sweetz Bar location.

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

Alderman Edwards shared February 8th 3:00pm with New Roots regarding their upcoming Career Fair March 19th and 20th . He also shared he was working on other youth programs with the school districts.

10. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Edwards. 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. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Brenda Irving, resident, shared her concerns about the Semmer Landscaping. She shared she did not think their location was conducive to being near a residential neighborhood. She then shared they need to have set business hours as they sometimes operate at 1:30am. She shared the fence is very thin and their business is right behind her home. The noise and fumes from the truck engines are disturbing to her family. Mrs. Irving shared that Semmer also promised incentives that never materialized. Lastly, she shared she believes her property values are being reduced with this business behind the homes.

Lara Lozada, resident, shared her concerns about Semmer Landscaping. She feels they are not supervised and nothing is being done. She shared the taxes are high and now the monstrosity is there and she can't sell her home.

Salvador Zamora, resident, shared his concerns about the speeding in ward 2. He shared he can't let his grandchildren play outside. He advocated for speed bumps to slow the speeders. He shared the young people need to have respect for the elders and the youth.

Clifton Graham, resident, shared SD#144 is advertising for a new Superintendent and if anyone is interested to contact the district.

Jennifer Braun-Denton, resident, shared MLB is looking for employees for a variety of positions and if anyone is interested to check their website mlb.com.

12. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Edwards shared he needs 46 volunteers for March 19th and 20th with New Roots. He shared he is working with the Mayor and the aldermen on this program. Lastly, he shared the importance of working with the school districts and our youth.

Alderman Spivey shared he called in a couple of locations in the 4th ward that needed lights replaced and public works and ComEd are working to resolve this.

Alderman Lockett shared the Secretary of State's services will come to Country Club Hills soon to service the seniors. He shared there will be a Youth Talent Showcase June 1st at South Suburban College. Alderman Lockett then thanked Jennifer Denton for sharing information on MLB employment opportunities for all ages especially the youth.

Alderman Davis commended Mr. and Mrs. Harris for their award winning holiday designs and their year round property maintenance. Alderman Davis shared the passing of Mrs. Owens and asked Clerk Hutson to prepare a Resolution for the family.

Alderman Edwards shared the city does have speed bumps and they will be installed in the Spring.

Alderman Hutson thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their hard work during the recent weather events. Alderman Hutson then shared the story of a resident whose tires were purposely slashed and then followed after leaving Wal-Mart in anticipation of robbing the resident who was able to safely avoid the situation. He encouraged everyone to pay attention to their surroundings and be safe. Lastly, he shared if you see something say something and dial 911.

Alderman Lockett shared the city Black History Event will be at City Hall Saturday February 24th 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Edwards moved for adjournment. Second by Alderman Hutson. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" being more prominent and the last name "Hutson" written in a similar style.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk