



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, April 08, 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, Spivey, Edwards, Hutson and City Treasurer Steven Burris. Also in attendance were City Administrator-Carl Estelle and the Administrative Cabinet.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor James King of the United Christian Church of Country Club Hills.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Administrative City Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024
- B. Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Administrative Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024 and a Regular City Council Meeting March 11, 2024. 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 Ford next Wednesday is Lobby Day in Springfield and encouraged everyone to attend and meet with your legislators. Mayor Ford also shared the Homewood Casino may open the casino by the end of this year with the hotel portion to open at a later date. Mayor Ford then proceeded to share that casino license was issued with the guidelines of revenue sharing for up to 40 municipalities giving each municipality 3% of the revenue. HB4523 is in Springfield and is designed to have multiple municipalities share in the revenue of Amazon. He then shared there are 4-5 municipalities with Amazon facilities and this Bill is designed for the municipalities to share the revenue for which Country Club Hill has a very small facility that the city worked hard to get and it was not given to us yet we may have to share the revenues which are already small with other municipalities. Mayor shared he will be in Springfield next week and continuously to share his displeasure with this bill with our State Rep Meyers-Martin and Senator Hastings.

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

City Clerk Patricia Hutson shared she participated in a Spring Seminar for Clerks which was very beneficial by sharing information on emergency preparedness, Illinois Liquor Control, best updates and practices. Clerk Hutson shared her condolences to family and friend of the late Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, as she was the first woman and African American who served and Cook County Clerk. Her commitment and dedication to public service was unwavering. Among her many duties as clerk, Yarbrough was the chief election officer and oversaw all election functions from voter registration to ballot counting and certifying election results. Lastly, Clerk Hutson asked for a moment of silence in memoriam of Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance, & Risk Management – Alderman Lockett, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – April 8, 2024 6:45pm)

A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of April 8, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$673, 106.41 for 04.08.2024 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Edwards. 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)

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – April 8, 2024 6:15pm)

- A. Approval - 2024 Vacant and Non-Compliant Properties Bids
 - Lashley Group
 - The Perfect Gentleman Lawn Care
 - South Suburban Maintenance
- B. Approval - 2024-2025 Right of Way Mowing Bid
 - Property Care Management
- C. Approval - 2024 Park Mowing Maintenance Bid
 - Quarry Cartage

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Vacant and Non-Compliant Properties, Right of Way Mowing(Property Care Maintenance 2024-\$160,000, 2025-\$170,000 optional 2026-\$180,000) and Park Mowing Quarry Cartage (2024- \$107,034.62, 2025-\$111,204.80 optional 2026-\$115,374.98 Bids. Second, Alderman Lockett. Discussion – Ald. Spivey asked what happened to the other bidders. Alderman Davis responded some of the bidders did not have the proper documentation to participate.

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

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Absent: 0

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Alderman Hutson asked to be recognized as his committee was missed. Mayor Ford asked Alderman Hutson to proceed.

Alderman Hutson shared he is awaiting information from Attorney Murphey regarding a couple of new ordinances and amendments heading to his committee and his next meeting is TBA.

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

Alderman Spivey announced he attended Congresswoman Kelly’s Youth Job Fair and it was a great event for the youth and the C of Country Club Hills had a table for employment opportunities.

Education, Parks & Recs – Alderman Edwards, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – April 8, 2024 5:40pm)

Alderman Edwards thanked all of the Aldermen, the treasurer and Mayor Ford for their support for the New Roots youth program. It was a great program for the high school students offering interviews and discussions on their life plans beyond high school. He also shared he attended the Robin Kelly job fair. There were many job opportunities offered.

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

James Muhammad, resident, inquired about a stop light on 168th St. and Pulaski at the entrance/exit for Wal-Mart. He shared it is so difficult to enter and exit that area.

Portia Lyons, resident, shared she spoke with her Alderman about initiating a program for handicapped residents over 18 having ID’s issued from the Secretary of State’s Office. She then shared the loss of her son Xavier Jones and thanked the council for their support over the years. Lastly, she shared her concern about the Special Needs programs offered in the southland through the South Suburban Special Recreation Association...

Alderman Hutson asked to be recognized via point of order and Mayor Ford asked Alderman Hutson to give Ms. Lyons a moment to complete her statement.

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: 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.

11. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons and asked for a moment of silence for the late Mr. Xavier Jones whom he fondly called X-Man. Ald. then complimented Ms. Lyons for her love and care of Xavier over the years through his good days and challenging day until his passing. Ald. Hutson then complimented the city hall employees on their hard work and professionalism. Lastly, Ald. Hutson shared if you see something say something and to dial 911 or the confidential line of 708-206-2899.

Alderman Davis shared his condolences to Ms Lyons. Ald. Davis then shared he will invite the Right of Way and Parks bid winners to a meeting before the start date and encouraged the council to bring any issues or concerns as he will coordinate a date.

Alderman Lockett shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons and Xavier will be missed. Alderman Lockett complimented her on a job well done as she worked miracles for Xavier. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to slow down, watch the kids and check on your neighbors.

Alderman Spivey shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons and her family. Lastly, Alderman Spivey shared his 4th Ward meeting will be held April 23rd at 7:00pm at the Fire Station 4520 W. 175th St.

Alderman Edwards thanked Chief Hullinger for her donation and shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons. He asked the Police Chief for a list of Ordinances to be shared with residents.

Treasurer Burris shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons

Mayor Ford shared his condolences to Ms. Lyons and shared they can have a discussion on the ID program. Mayor Ford shared to Mr. Muhammad Pulaski is a county road.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lockett moved for adjournment. Second by 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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 at the end.

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk