



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, April 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

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

City Treasurer Steven Burris was excused as absent.

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Leroy Barnes, CCHills Parks Commissioner.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of the Regular City Council Meeting March 25, 2024. 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.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR FORD:

Approval - 2024 Earth Day Proclamation

Clerk Hutson read the Earth Day Proclamation. Alderman Hutson moved for City Council approval of the Earth Day Proclamation. Seconded by 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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Mayor Ford shared the governor wants to take back the 1% grocery tax for Illinois. Mayor Ford shares this will impact Country Club Hills in the amount of \$2.5 million which supports our pensions. Mayor then said he will go to Springfield to advocate his opposition of this to our Senator and State Rep. Mayor shared a challenge that anyone in the public who can name the 22 products sold by the Amazon in town will get \$100 from the him.

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

Clerk Hutson shared she attended Lobby Day hosted by IML who represents 1,300 towns cities and villages in Illinois. Clerk Hutson shared she had the opportunity to listen to the Governor and other speakers regarding pending House and Senate bills. Clerk Hutson also shared she joined Mayor Ford and Alderman Hutson in a meeting with Senator Hastings and sat in on a meeting with Kai Leland, resident, who spoke on behalf of student at Hillcrest H.S. advocating for \$50 million for youth afterschool programs which are currently operating with limited funds. Kai also shared she is interested in becoming an EMT and we are going to schedule a meeting with Chief Hullinger regarding the Prairie State EMT program.

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

Collector's Report as of March 31, 2024

Clerk Hutson shared the Collector's Report is in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let her know. The Collection amount ending March 31st was \$1,983,109.65.

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

City Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024

Clerk Hutson shared the Treasurer's Report is in the Aldermen's packets and if there are any questions to please let the Treasurer know. Clerk Hutson shared the bank balance as of March 31, 2024 was \$22,933,643.49, the March revenues were \$5,985,462.86, the March expenses were \$1,983,109.65 and the current bank balance is \$26,938,996.70.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Approval - Accounts Payables as of April 22, 2024

Alderman Lockett moved for City Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$645, 706.21 for 04.22.2024 as funds are available. Second, Alderman Davis. 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 next Committee meeting will be held May 14th at 7:00pm

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

No Report

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

Approval - Ordinance for Class 8 Application for MADMAG LLC - Semmer Landscaping

Alderman Spivey moved for City Council approval of Ordinance O-05-24 for Class 8 Application for MADMAG LLC - Semmer Landscaping. 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.

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

Alderman Edwards shared he is working on raising monies for graduation gift cards and hair cuts for the students in each school. He also shared the students picked up 15-20 bags of trash on Lavergne. He then shared he would like to work on a program for trash pick up in all five wards.

10. 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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11. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Leroy Barnes, Parks Commissioner, shared he attended SD#160's Ground Breaking Ceremony for their Arts Building on Tuesday April 16th. He shared it was well attended and they were very proud of this accomplishment.

Mr. Jones, of the Youth Peace Center of Roseland, shared he is here to introduce Pastor CE Watkins of The Divine Word Ministries previously St. Emeric Church. Pastor Watkins came forward and invited everyone to their Ribbon Cutting and first service Sunday May 5th at

10:30am. Pastor Watkins shared he and his congregation are blessed to have purchased this location. He shared he is a 15 year resident and elated to bring his congregation to Country Club Hills and is excited about the programs his church can offer.

Hosea Gray, resident, shared his concern about his recent FOIA on the Water System Improvement project fee, the enterprise fund and what the CCHPD can do about the loud cars in the area. Lastly, he asked to have the meeting minutes updated on the website.

12. 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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13. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Ald. Edwards shared he is working on reinstalling speed bumps, sidewalk repairs and tree cutting. His next meeting is May 13th at 5:30pm

Ald. Spivey shared his next 4th Ward meeting is April 23rd at 7pm at the Fire Station on 175th St and department heads will be in attendance.

Ald. Lockett wished everyone a Happy Spring season.

Ald. Davis welcomed Pastor Watkins and his church to CCHills. He also asked everyone to please put your trash in the can on the side of the house as the winds are high and trash can blow everywhere.

Ald. Hutson thanked Mike Kuta and the team for the trash pickup on Laverne. He also shared Senior activities for the Resource Center on Flossmoor and Cicero. He then shared he attended Lobby Day, attended sessions, followed discussion on the LGDF monies owed to municipalities, advocated against the 1% grocery tax and met with IDOT regarding cutting the clovers on I-57 by the 167th St. corridor. Lastly, he shared to be safe and if you see something say something by calling (708) 206-2899.

Mayor Ford shared the city is looking to fill several employment positions and to please check the city website.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hutson 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 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the middle of the name.