



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 12, 2026 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 7:00PM. 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 led by Mayor James W. Ford.

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

Those on Roll Call answering present were:

Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr., Strothers and Mayor James W. Ford.

Also in attendance were City Treasurer Burris, City Administrator Mitchell, and the Administrative Team.

Alderman Spivey arrived at 7:07pm

3. INVOCATION – CLERGY OR DESIGNEE

The invocation was presented by Pastor Anthony Tiller.

4. JOURNAL PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Approval - Administrative Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval to for the Administrative Meeting Minutes November 3, 2025 and a Special City Council Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 4 Alderman Davis, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Spivey

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY MAYOR JAMES W. FORD:

- A. Special Recognition for Outstanding Award-Winning Accomplishments - Midwest Hawks Football and Cheer Organization

Mayor Ford shared the Midwest Hawks will attend a City Council Meeting at a later date and asked Alderman Lockett Jr. to share information on their recent competition results. Alderman Lockett Jr. shared the 6-U came in 1st Place, the 8-U came in 2nd place and the other teams place in the 1st place. Mayor Ford then shared he is working with the Cook Country Treasurer's Office regarding the Bears coming to Country Club Hills instead of Arlington Heights or Indiana.

6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – BRIAN D. MITCHELL

Administrator Mitchell Wished everyone a Happy New Year and shared information on Sponsorships for the city's upcoming sports programs. He will continue to look at grant and funding opportunities in the new year.

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Insurance & Risk Management – Alderman Anthony J. Davis, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

- A. Approval - Accounts Payables as of January 12, 2026.

Alderman Davis moved for City Council approval of Accounts Payables as of January 12, 2026 in the amount of \$1,127,963.72. Second by Alderman Lockett

Jr. Discussion – Alderman Hutson complimented Alderman Davis on doing a great job as Chairman of the Finance Committee overseeing the taxpayers' dollars.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

Alderman Hutson shared his committee is working on the parking permit program and he will schedule a meeting in the future.

Public Works and Utilities – Alderman Vincent E. Lockett Jr., Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Lockett Jr. shared he will hold a Committee meeting January 26th at 6pm.

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

Alderman Spivey shared there are CDBG monies available for small businesses.

Education, Parks & Recs – Alderman Deidra N. Strothers, Chairman
(Committee Meeting – TBA)

Alderman Strothers congratulated the Midwest Hawks on their competition successes.

9. MOTION TO OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval to open the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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10. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Sequoia Williams shared her appreciation to Mayor Ford for being visual in the district. She then shared there is a bridge program between District 160, District 227 and District 228 which offers free mentoring and other programs. Ms. Williams thanked Alderman Lockett Junior for his commitment and assistance with SD#160. She then shared her appreciation for the families that benefited from shop with a cop during the Christmas holiday. Lastly, she shared she's working on a scholarship program for Southwood graduates, trade program with businesses, and a Relief Fund to eliminate fee balances for students.

11. MOTION TO CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Alderman Lockett Jr. moved for City Council approval to close the floor to the public. Second by Alderman Hutson. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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12. ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Hutson shared he along with the Mayor, the City Clerk attended the services for Detective Tim Jones of the Park Forest Police Department and asked for continued prayers for the family. He then asked for a moment of silence. For Miss Ruthie. Lee Stokes and Edward Emerson both of the 3rd Ward who recently passed away. Alderman Hutson then shared participated with the AT&T Pioneers program in which there were 7 busloads of children whom he and others assisted in selecting shoes at the Famous Footwear shoe store. He especially recognized Mrs. Anderson from the Marcus Garvey School. He also Scared. He took a tour of the city on Christmas Eve to see all the beautiful decorations and complemented the residents for their hard work. Alderman Hutson Check on their friends, family and neighbors. Alderman Hutson then shared Bible verse Psalms 103:2. Lastly, Alderman Hutson shared if you see something, say something, dial the non-emergency tip line at 708-206-2887.

Alderman Lockett, Jr. Thanked Public Works for their dedication and plowing and salting. He then thanked Mrs. Williams for her dedication. He then thanked Mayor Ford, Alderman Hutson, Chief White, Deputy Chief Prater At Southwood Middle School. During lunch hour with the students. He said the students thought they were all rock stars. Lastly, he shared he will have a 2nd Ward meeting and will announce the date during the month of February.

Alderman Davis thanked Ms. Williams sharing her information. He then addressed his colleagues and shared he looked forward to working together in 2026.

Alderman Spivey shared he thanks his colleagues as well and in addition shared his appreciation to Public Works for their hard work. He then shared his appreciation for the Christmas in the Southland program and the Turkey giveaways during the holiday season.

Alderman Strothers thanked everyone for their hard work especially the Public Works Department.

Mayor Ford shared he is working diligently on an offer for the Chicago Bears to come to Country Club Hills as we have the space and it would be centrally located in Illinois.

Mayor Ford then shared he wished everyone peace, prosperity, new adventures and good health in the new year. Lastly, he shared the goal city for 2026 is efficiency, accountability and cost savings.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Spivey. moved for City Council adjournment. Second by Alderman Strothers. Discussion – None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: 5 Alderman Davis, Spivey, Hutson, Lockett Jr. and Strothers

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

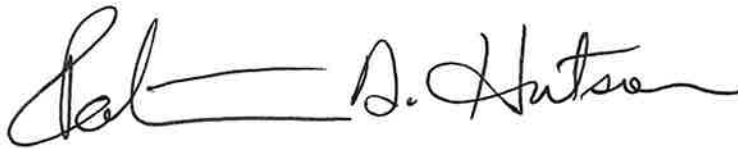
Absent: 0

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted by

Patricia D. Hutson, City Clerk, RMC, CMC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Hutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the left side of the name.