

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, June 23, 2008**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Dwight W. Welch, Mayor.

a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Ford, and Williams constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Also present was: Deborah McIlvain, City Clerk and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

Absent was: Alderman Battie

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Alderman James Ford.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, June 9, 2008**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of June 9, 2008. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 9, 2008 Carried Via Voice Vote with Alderman Lee abstaining.

4. **Communications and Reports By the Mayor:**

A. **Businesses of the Month**

1. **C.D. One Price Cleaners**

Robert Dukes and Micah Greene, proprietors, were introduced. Their establishment provides same day service and consistent pricing on all garments. They gave their hours of operation, telephone number and address. They were presented with a certificate as business of the month.

2. Dock's Fish - Greg and Diane Edinburg, Proprietors

Greg Edinburg was introduced. He stated that Dock's has a history in the Chicago area and he has opened two stores. He chose Country Club Hills because he felt it was an "explosive community." He gave the hours of operation, location and telephone number. He was presented with a certificate as business of the month.

B. Presentation - Crisis Center of South Suburbia, Ms. Laura Parker

Jamie Snodgrass was introduced. She explained that the Crisis Center of South Suburbia has provided over 30 years of service in the prevention of domestic violence. They provide a 24 hour hot-line, residential facilities, community counseling programs, court advocacy, community policing programs and community education programs. The Crisis Center also operates a re-sale shop. She gave the telephone number and thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing her to make a presentation.

C. Presentation - Daughters of the American Revolution (Not Present)

D. Presentation - Country Club Hills Police Department (Not Present)

- 1. Promotions/Appointments**
- 2. Swearing in of Community Service Officers**

Mayor Welch requested a motion to appoint Steve Pycz to the Fire Pension Board. Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the appointment of Steve Pycz to the Fire Pension Board. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Mayor Welch stated that he had received a letter from the Butler family (Merlin Muffler) thanking the City's Police and Fire Departments for their assistance and response to the traffic accident his family was involved in on 183rd Street a few weeks ago.

Mayor Welch stated that 35 arrests had been made this past weekend and that curfew issues were being actively addressed. He stated that the police will be participating in tactical training and methods of dispersion in an effort to provide better service and security throughout the City. Alderman Williams reminded residents that the condition of their homes was also important.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Deborah McIlvain, reminded everyone that the deadline for the new City vehicle stickers is June 30, 2008. She also announced that Wednesday evenings throughout the summer at the theater are movie nights. Admission is free and concessions are available for a nominal charge.

Mayor Welch asked that everyone remember Deputy Chief Teri O'Donnell's father-in-law who recently passed away.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance:

Alderman Watts, Chairman

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Watts moved for the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$2,207,985.24. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Watts explained that \$15,955.48 of the total dollar amount represents property tax rebates and \$9,179.00 represents Boys II Men concert refunds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

5 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Comein,
Martin, and Williams.

4 Abstain: Alderman Lee, Singleton, Lockett and Ford.

(Alderman Singleton abstained for all vouchers, Alderman Lee abstained for True Value Hardware, Alderman Lockett abstained for Intelligent Solutions, Grainger, and Nelson Systems, Alderman Ford abstained for Especially for You.)

1 Nays Alderman Lockett

(Alderman Lockett voted no for Alexander Lumber, Elmer and Sons, Especially for You, Mad Bomber Fireworks, and Planning Resources.)

1 Absent: Alderman Battie

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

II. Law, Ordinance and Government:

Alderman Ford, Chairman

No report.

III. Public Works and Utilities

Alderman Battie, Chairman

No Report

IV. Economic Development

Alderman Hutson, Chairman

Alderman Hutson welcomed CD One Price Cleaners and Dock's to the business community in Country Club Hills.

V. Planning, Zoning and Development

Alderman Lockett Chairman

No report

VI. Insurance and Risk Management

Alderman Comein, Chairman

A. Approval of Employee Benefit Package Insurance Rates

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of the 2008/2009 renewal rate for the employee benefit package. Second - Alderman Watts. Discussion - Alderman Lockett asked if this could be reviewed at greater length and it was explained that the renewal date is July 1, 2008.

ROLL CALL VOTE

8 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee, Comein, Singleton, Martin, Williams, and Ford.

0 Nays

1 Abstain: Alderman Lockett

1 Absent: Alderman Battie

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A presentation was made by Risk Manager, Chanay Mackey comparing the City's claims rate for 2007 and 2008.

VII. Community and Park Activities

Alderman Singleton, Chairman

No Report

VIII. Contract Compliance

Alderman Martin, Chairman

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education

**Alderman Williams,
Chairman**

Alderman Williams stated that a committee meeting is in the process of being scheduled with School District 160.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett suggested that a free night be scheduled at the CRC. He reminded everyone about the new curfew hours and reminded residents to bring in their garbage cans.

Alderman Watts thanked the Police Department for their attention in the Provincetown area.

Alderman Hutson thanked Public Works for their efforts and inquired as to the status of a planter and sign for a subdivision in Ward 3. Mayor Welch stated that the planter and sign should have been addressed during budget hearings.

Alderman Williams reminded everyone that the Police Department will not tolerate local ordinance violations.

Alderman Martin reminded those eligible to enroll in the State of Illinois' All Kids health insurance program.

Mayor Welch announced that a Steppers Concert is being scheduled for a Sunday late in the Theater season. He also announced that Barak Obama's campaign is interested in the possibility of hosting a rally here in Country Club Hills. He concluded by stating the over \$800,000 in ticket sales had been achieved for the theater season to date.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Watts. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission