

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, July 28, 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, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Ford, and Williams constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Also present were: Deborah McIlvain, City Clerk; Michael Gleason, City Treasurer, and Henrietta Turner, City Manager.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, July 14, 2008

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of July 14, 2008. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 14, 2008 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Presentation - School District 160

This item was tabled at the request of the School District.

B. Resolution/Casino Endorsement

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Resolution No. R-13-08, a Resolution Supporting the Support of the City of Country Club Hills for the Application for the State of Illinois 10th Casino License. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this item would provide for an entertainment company to make application for the 10th license.

ROLL CALL VOTE 9 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee, Battie,
Comein, Singleton, Martin, Williams, and
Ford.

0 Nays

1 Abstain: Alderman Lockett

0 Absent:

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

5. City Clerk's Report

No Report

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance:

Alderman Watts, Chairman

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Watts moved for the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,121,404.91. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - Alderman Watts explained that \$108,529.26 of the total dollar amount represents payroll disbursements and \$30,218.90 represents vendor payouts.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Battie, Comein,
Martin, Williams, and Ford.

4 Abstain: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Singleton, and
Lockett.

(Alderman Singleton abstained for A.J. Rehab, Peterson Electric, Property Care Management, and Room Service Catering. Alderman Hutson stated that he had just received a copy of accounts payable.)

0 Nays

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

A. Approval of 2008/2009 Ditch Maintenance Bid Recommendation

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval to accept the 2008/2009 Ditch Maintenance Bid of Thornton Equipment in the amount of \$48,750.00. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - it was explained that this item had been re-bid and was recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee,
Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett,
Martin, Williams, and Ford.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

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

Alderman Battie gave the sewer and water report for the month of June, 2008.

IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman

No Report

V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman

No Report

VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman

No Report

VII. Community and Park Activities

Alderman Singleton, Chairman

Alderman Singleton announced that registration is currently being accepted for the flag football program.

VIII. Contract Compliance

Alderman Martin, Chairman

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education

**Alderman Williams,
Chairman**

Alderman Williams stated that meetings are scheduled to be held with the School Districts prior to the opening of the new school year. He assured Alderman Lee that School District 144 will be included in the meeting schedule.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Prior to the Aldermen Reports, Mayor Welch gave the arrest report for the period of July 3 through July 24. He stated that there was an increase in the number of tickets written for curfew and traffic violations. He stressed the importance of parental involvement, the importance of the curfew laws, and requested that the Police Chief tape a public service announcement regarding curfew hours to be played on Channel 4.

Alderman Ford suggested that a different location or additional court dates be scheduled due to the increased volume in tickets issued. Mayor Welch asked that an additional hearing date be scheduled to handle those violations involving youth.

Alderman Lockett thanked everyone who attended his picnic.

Alderman Comein stated that he had attended the open house recently held at St. John's. He stated that tour was extremely interesting and stressed the historical significance of the facility. Mayor Welch stated that the Church and the Stelter farm were constructed during the same time period and that the City will be putting forth efforts to retain these buildings and formally recognize their historical significance.

Alderman Hutson requested a moment of silence in recognition of the death of Fawn Ridge resident James Hiner.

Alderman Williams commended the residents of Ward 2 for their hospitality during the summer concert season.

Mayor Welch mentioned that City staff will be meeting with the Universal Soul Circus regarding

the possibility of the Circus performing here in Country Club Hills.

Mayor Welch announced that the City of Country Club Hills was featured in the Illinois Municipal League Review because of the architectural and fire standards code recently enacted.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission