

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, August 25, 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, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams and Ford constituting a quorum of the City Council.

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

Absent was: Alderman Lee.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Reverend Martin Marren, St. Emeric Catholic Church.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, August 11, 2008**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 11, 2008. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 11, 2008 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. **Proclamation - Honoring Mayor Mark W. Stricker**

Mayor Welch stated that a Proclamation had been issued on behalf of himself and the City Council, honoring Mayor Mark W. Stricker, of Matteson, who passed away. Mayor Welch stated that Mayor Stricker had been Mayor of the Village of Matteson since the early 90's and had devoted his life to public service.

**B. Presentation, Health Services Fair - Marta Perales, Office of State Representative, Al Riley**

Alderman Tyrone Hutson, in the absence of Ms. Perales, explained that the Human Services Fair will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Hillcrest High School cafeteria. The event is hosted by State Representative Al Riley in collaboration with Rich Township and the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services. Many state and local agencies will be present to explain available vital social services.

Mayor Welch announced that the Back to School Parade and City's Youth Day will be Saturday, September 6 beginning at 10 am. School bags and supplies will be given away, along with refreshments and activities for young people.

Mayor Welch stated that there is a 40% decline in enrollment in School District 160, possibly due to the need to verify residency upon registration (the new registration process was explained by School Board member, Henrietta Turner). He continued that there is an improved relationship between the City and the School District. Mayor Welch stated that additional youth programming will be implemented by the City in conjunction with the Police Department and the Youth Commission.

Mayor Welch announced that approximately 1.2 million in ticket sales has been realized at the theater with 1.3 million expected by the end of the season.

Mayor Welch announced that engineers are working on the sound system at the theater.

Mayor Welch stated that the City is looking forward to AT & T and the IDPH returning as sponsors for the next concert season. He thanked the commissioners and the volunteers who handled City information tables and voters registration.

Mayor Welch announced that the picnic for Premier Estates grand opening will be held sometime in mid-September.

**5. City Clerk's Report**

No Report

**6. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Watts, Chairman**

**A. Approval of Vouchers**



at 6:00 pm.

**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 reported that he had attended School District 144's Teacher Institute meetings and that the District's teachers and staff are ready and eager for an exciting new school year.

**7. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Singleton thanked the Police Department for the swift apprehension of the suspects in the home invasion.

Alderman Lockett reminded residents to be diligent and secure their cars and homes. Mayor Welch encouraged residents to consider alarm systems for their homes.

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone of the Human Services Fair at Hillcrest High School on Saturday, September 6.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone to be careful when traveling this holiday weekend and to be alert for children as school is now open.

Alderman Williams wished a successful academic year to those students returning to college.

Alderman Ford thanked the ladies involved in the mentoring program and extended his thanks to the Mayor and to Judge Stutley for their assistance.

**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 7:34 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission