

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 26, 2009**

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, Williams, Ford and Mayor Welch 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 Battie.

- 2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Alderman Thomas Comein.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, January 12, 2009**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 12, 2009. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2009 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

William McCormick, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission, along with Chief of Police William Brown and those members of the Fire and Police Commission that were present, swore in William Madden as a new police officer with the Country Club Hills Police Department.

Mayor Welch encouraged those seniors that have not signed up for the senior snow plow program to contact City Hall for an application.

Mayor Welch thanked everyone, especially the veterans, on behalf of his family for their expressions of sympathy upon the passing of his son, Matthew. Mayor Welch announced that the Matthew Welch Scholarship Foundation has been established to assist Country Club Hills youth with educational needs.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, announced that the City wide Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 8 am to 12 pm in the lower level of City Hall.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance:

Alderman Watts, Chairman

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Comein moved for the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,272,898.87. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - Alderman Lee explained that her questions had been answered by the Finance Committee Chairman.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee, Comein,
Singleton, Martin, and Williams.

2 Nays Aldermen Lockett and Ford

Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for Commonwealth Edison, Comcast Cable, and Tria Architecture. Alderman Ford cast a no vote for Star Detective Agency.

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

IV. Economic Development

Alderman Hutson, Chairman

Alderman Hutson stated that ground will soon be broken for the new outlet mall.

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 men's basketball and girls softball.

VIII. Contract Compliance

Alderman Martin, Chairman

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education

**Alderman Williams,
Chairman**

No Report

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett wished everyone a happy new year.

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone to check on their neighbors, especially senior citizens.

Alderman Lee stressed the importance of checking on elderly neighbors, especially during inclement weather.

Alderman Hutson asked that residents assist elderly neighbors with snow removal and trash.

Alderman Comein announced the birth of his new granddaughter.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone to check the batteries on their smoke and carbon monoxide

detectors.

Alderman Williams reminded residents to turn off the water supply to outdoor hoses to help prevent pipe damage.

Alderman Watts, on behalf of the City Council, expressed condolences to the Mayor and his family. He stated that "our hearts go out to him. He needs our support. Please keep his family in your prayers."

8. ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Comein. Second - Alderman Hutson.

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