

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday, February 9, 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 Hutson, Battie, Comein, Lockett, Martin, Williams, Ford and Mayor Welch constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Alderman Watts arrived at 7:03 pm.

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

Absent were: Aldermen Lee and Singleton.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, January 26, 2009**

- B. **Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - February 2, 2009**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 26, 2009 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of February 2, 2009. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2009 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of February 2, 2009 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Welch read a resolution from State Representative Al Riley honoring Keith Williams as King Dad at the University of Illinois Dad's Day. Mr. Williams stated that he felt that service to

those outside of your own family was important. He concluded by offering his condolences to the Mayor and to the City.

5. City Clerk's Report

No Report.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance:

Alderman Watts, Chairman

A. Approval of Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures With Proceeds of Bond Issue

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-01-09, a Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures With Proceeds of Bond Issue. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide the opportunity to refinance for more advantageous interest rates.

ROLL CALL VOTE 8 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein,
Lockett, Martin, Williams and Ford.

0 Nays

2 Absent Aldermen Lee and Singleton.

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

B. Approval of Ordinance Authorizing Disposition of Surplus Property (Chevy Van)

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-01-09, an Ordinance Authorizing Disposition of Surplus Property (Chevy Van). Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - It was explained that this van had been given to the City on a grant and was no longer of use to the City. The van will be given to the Hodges family for \$1.00 and would revert back to the City should the family no longer need it.

ROLL CALL VOTE 8 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein,

Lockett, Martin, Williams and Ford.

0 Nays

2 Absent Aldermen Lee and Singleton.

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 Resolution in Support of the Southwest Water System Expansion and Rehabilitation Project

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-02-09, a Resolution in Support of the Southwest Water System Expansion and Rehabilitation Project. Second - Alderman Watts. Discussion - it was explained that this resolution will be used to assist the acquisition of Federal economic stimulus monies. Approval of the resolution does not bind, commit or authorize the City in any fashion.

Motion Approved Via Voice Vote.

Alderman Battie gave the sewer and water report for the month ending January 31, 2009.

IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman

A. Approval of An Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class "A" Liquor License to Revelations, 18221 Crawford Avenue, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-02-09, an Ordinance Providing for the Granting of a Class "A" Liquor License to Revelations, 18221 Crawford Avenue, Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the City of Country Club Hills Municipal Code. Second - Alderman Watts. Discussion - It was explained that an opinion had been received from City Attorney, John Murphey stating that the restriction regarding the proximity of a liquor establishment does not apply to child care facilities. Discussion ensued as to hours of operation

and it was explained that the hours of operation would be those that apply to a standard class “a” license.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Battie, Comein,
Martin, Williams and Ford.

0 Nays

1 Abstain: Alderman Lockett

2 Absent Aldermen Lee and Singleton.

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

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 baseball.

VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Martin, Chairman

No Report

IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman

No Report

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Ford stated that mentors are needed for the youth mentoring program.

Alderman Lockett assured everyone that the community is safe and thanked the Police Department for their efforts.

Alderman Battie thanked the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and all emergency personnel for their efforts.

Alderman Watts stated that he also wanted to express his thanks to the Police Department. He asked that everyone keep the families of those affected by the recent crimes in Country Club Hills in their prayers.

Alderman Hutson stated that those residents with questions and concerns may contact him on his cell phone.

Alderman Martin stated that Country Club Hills is the safest city in the south suburbs.

Alderman Williams asked that the families be remembered.

Mayor Welch stated that a community prayer service is being organized by the Pastoral Commission and is expected to take place at the end of the month. He stated that it is important that the community work together and acknowledged the tremendous efforts of the Police and Fire Departments, Major Crimes Task Force, and the City Manager. He stated that counseling will be conducted at Southwood for students.

Mayor Welch stated that over 300 people attended the Daddy/Daughter dance and that it was a great success.

Mayor Welch concluded by stating that Minnie and Leon Taylor had attended his son's funeral services and that the City was moving forward to solve the Taylor crime.

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 7:29 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission