

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, February 23, 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, Battie, Comein, 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 Singleton.

- 2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Dorn. He reminded everyone that the Community Prayer Service will be held at Hazel Crest Assembly Church on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, February 9, 2009**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 9, 2009. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 9, 2009 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

- A. **Business of the Month - Kingston Jerk Chicken - Jill and Merrick Neish, Proprietors**

Jill and Merrick Neish were introduced. They stated that they had watched the development of the City of Country Club Hills over the past several years and were eager to

become part of the growing business community. They stated they had participated in the summer theater events and that it had been a tremendously positive and worthwhile experience. They gave the address, hours of operation and telephone number of their store. They concluded by thanking the Mayor and City staff for their support and that they were excited to be part of an “up and coming” area.

Mayor Welch commented on the recent deaths of Elonzo Hill, Metra Vice Chairman, Commander Mark Peers’ mother, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Anthony Wilcox and his wife Anita, and Police Officer Keith Burke’s son, Ryan. He thanked everyone for their support and prayers and reminded everyone of the Community Prayer Service which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Hazel Crest Assembly Church.

## **5. City Clerk’s Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain stated following the City Council’s passage of the residential property tax rebate ordinance, applications will be mailed to all residents at the end of the month. This year, residents may also apply on-line at the City’s website.

Mayor Welch stated that the City will be eliminating vehicle stickers and animal tags in the FY 09/10 budget to provide savings to the residents.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **I. Finance:**

**Alderman Watts, Chairman**

#### **A. Approval Vouchers**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,684,395.85. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

7 Ayes: Aldermen Watts, Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein, Martin, and Williams.

2 Nays Alderman Lockett and Ford

Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for: AT & T, Battery Service Corp, ComEd, Comcast, HUB International, Inland Real Estate, Intelligent Solutions, WGN Flags, Designsmart, Direct Response, Odelson & Sterk, OnDeck Sports, Peerless Fence, Pizza Makers, Sam’s Club, Theobald and Associates, Tinley Ice, and Tria Architecture. Alderman Ford cast a “no” vote for Clubhouse Entertainment, Neighborhood Pest Control, OnDeck Sports, Sam’s Club and True

Value Hardware.

1 Absent Alderman Singleton.

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

**B. Approval of Resolution Approving Application for a Request for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2009**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-03-09, a Resolution Approving Application for a Request for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2009. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that this is an annual housekeeping item that provides for the application of up to \$300,000 in CDBG funds.

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

0 Nays

1 Absent Alderman Singleton.

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

**C. Approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Year 2008 Residential Property Tax Rebate Program for the Homeowners of Country Club Hills**

Alderman Watts moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-03-09, an Ordinance Providing for the Year 2008 Residential Property Tax Rebate Program for the Homeowners of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide for a rebate of 23% of the City's portion of residential property tax bills. The FY 08/09 budget line for this rebate is 1.6 million dollars.

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

0 Nays

1 Absent Alderman 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**

No Report

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman**

Alderman Hutson presented the Mayor with the South Suburban Small Business Development Award.

**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 girls softball and baseball for boys ages 5-19.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Martin, Chairman**

No Report

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

No Report

**7. Aldermen's Reports**

Alderman Ford encouraged eligible residents to take advantage of the property tax rebate program.

Alderman Lockett stated that he thought the candidate for Police Chief was a good choice. He also stated that the Black History program was well done and that he had been a judge at the Stomp the Hills contest held at Hillcrest High School.

Alderman Battie stated that the City will be presenting approximately 3 acres to PADS for the construction of a permanent facility.

Alderman Lee stated that she was in the process of addressing the reported incidents from Ward 1 residents.

Alderman Comein stated that this is the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. He stated that the Police and Fire Cade Explorer program was a part of the Boy Scout program.

Alderman Martin reminded residents that the Board of Review will be accepting appeals in the near future. He also reminded everyone to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Alderman Williams commended the City and the Mayor on being the recipient of the National League of Cities Diversity Award.

Alderman Lockett stated that the water rate increase was a pass through from Oak Lawn and requested clarification regarding the senior rate for garbage. Mayor Welch explained that the senior rate is 18 cents above the actual cost to the City.

## **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 7:40 pm.

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Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission