

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
February 8, 2010**

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, Lee, Battie, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Ford, Burris, 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 Williams.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Robertson, Hillcrest Baptist Church. Mayor Welch thanked the City's pastors for their organization and participation in the prayer vigil held for Leon and Minnie Taylor.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, January 25, 2010**

B. **Approval of Minutes - Administrative Meeting - February 1, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 25, 2010 and for approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of February 1, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 and the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of February 1, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. **Approval of Commission Appointments**

1. **Eric Newman - Veterans Commission -Ex-officio**

2. **Aaron Walls - Veterans Commission - Ex-officio**

3. **London Stanton- Public Access Cable Commission**

4. **Mary Ann Patmon - Cultural Arts Commission**
5. **Vaughn Harrison - Economic Development Commission Ex-officio**
6. **Kimberli Thompson - Youth Commission**
7. **Teri O'Donnell - 9-1-1 ETSB**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Eric Newman, Veterans Commission, Ex-officio; Aaron Walls - Veterans Commission, ex-officio; London Stanton - Public Access Cable Commission; Mary Ann Patmon - Cultural Arts Commission; Vaughn Harrison - Economic Development Commission - Ex-officio; Kimberli Thompson - Youth Commission; and Teri O'Donnell - 9-1-1 ETSB. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. Mr. Newman, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Walls, and Ms. Patmon were introduced to the Council. Each of them expressed enthusiasm regarding their commission appointments and eagerness to volunteer in the community. Those commission members present in the audience welcomed the newly-appointed commissioners and photos of the new commissioners were taken with their families. The grandmother of Mr. Stanton addressed the Council and thanked the Mayor and City Council for providing the opportunity for service in the community and for working toward a safe and secure environment.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain reminded everyone that the application deadline for the residential property tax rebate program is February 28, 2010. Application may also be made on-line at the City's website.

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman
(Committee Meeting February 18, 2010 6:30 pm)

A. Approval of an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Ordinance No O-03-10, an Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

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

0 Nays:

1 Absent: Alderman Williams

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

**II. Law, Ordinance and Government: Alderman Martin, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 8, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Martin reported that the next Committee Meeting will be March 8, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 1, 2010 6:30 pm)**

A. Approval of Bid Recommendation - New Fleet Maintenance Facility

Alderman Battie moved for Council approval to award the bid for the new fleet maintenance facility to Jenkins of Illinois in the amount of \$1,567,876.00. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that Jenkins of Illinois is a minority owned firm and that this had been discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting and at the Administrative Meeting. Alderman Burris began to discuss theater revenues and expenditures and a heated discussion ensued. The Mayor called for the Roll Call Vote as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Martin and Ford..

2 Nays: Aldermen Lockett and Burris

1 Absent: Alderman Williams

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 period ending January 31, 2010.

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 3, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Economic Development Committee Meeting will be held on March 3, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman

(Committee Meeting February 9, 2010 7:00 pm)

No Report

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 4, 2010 5:00 pm)**

No Report

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting March 2, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Singleton announced that registration for high school age basketball will be closing soon.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting February 9, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Contract Compliance Committee Meeting will be held on February 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting February 18, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Committee Meeting will be held on February 18, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that the Community Policing Meeting for Ward 1 will be held at the Police Department on February 10 at 7:00 pm.

Alderman Martin reminded everyone that the 5th Ward Community Policing Meeting will be held on February 23, 2010. He also reminded residents about parking regulations following a snowfall.

Alderman Lee stated that she is accessible by telephone for residents questions, comments, and concerns.

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on February 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the CRC.

Alderman Ford reminded everyone that a Special Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for

February 16, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

Alderman Battie stated that the next Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on March 1 at 6:30 pm at City Hall. He reminded residents about parking regulations following a snowfall. Mayor Welch stated that the reverse 911 system had been utilized during the last snow event and that senior driveways are plowed following the streets and during regular business hours.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the City's annual Black History Program will be held on February 27 at 3 pm at Hillcrest High School. He announced that 2 students from Hillcrest High School, Weisner and Haywood, had received scholarships to Winona State and Robert Morris Culinary Arts Program, respectively. Mayor Welch stated that Robert Garner had received a football and academic scholarship to Valparaiso University. Alderman Ford stated that he was present when the letter of intent was signed.

Alderman Burris questioned monies being approved for the new fleet maintenance facility, commented on theater expenditures and revenues and the City's bond debt. He stated that \$5,000 has been spent to date in the Pro's Sports Bar legal issue.

Mayor Welch state that a residential burglary had resulted in the death of one of the individuals fleeing the scene. He commented that the blogs associated with the newspaper stories were not kind, that someone's child had been lost and requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed by those in attendance.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission