

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 22, 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, Williams, 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.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Pastor Blackmon. Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of a Proclamation honoring William "Bill" McCormick. Second - Alderman Lee. Alderman Hutson read the body of the proclamation. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting, March 8, 2010

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 8, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

A. Presentation - South Suburban PADS - Mike Wasserberg

Mike Wasserberg from PADS and PADS Board President Georgia Blackstone addressed the Council and explained that plans were moving forward for the PADS permanent facility, possibly to be known as the Country Club Hills Wellness Center. Mr. Wasserberg explained that a letter would be in all utility bills asking that Country Club Hills residents continue the tradition of adding \$1.00 to the utility bill payment in support of PADS.

A motion was made by Alderman Hutson for approval of the appointment of Timothy and Cynthia Strickland to the Historical Commission. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote. Timothy and Cynthia Strickland were introduced. They expressed an interest in history and historical preservation and stated that they were looking forward to volunteering on the commission.

- Alderman Hutson announced the following new businesses: Verizon Wireless, Michael's Fresh Market, Dream to Dance Studio, Doss, Attorney at Law, and Family Kutts Barber Shop
- Mayor Welch introduced Leslie Noel, owner of Chatham Pancake House. Mr. Noel thanked the City for the assistance his business received and stated that it has become an "overnight success." He presented the City with a payment of \$1000, representing the first 2 installments of his note.
- Mayor Welch requested that Alderman Hutson read the grant award letter the City has received for an equine grant. The City has received an equine grant to initiate the development of an equine center in conjunction with the Stelter Farm.
- Mayor Welch stated that the State of the City document has been sent to all residences and business in the City. He complimented the staff on the appearance and content of the document.
- Mayor Welch also stated that the Generational Building newsletter was available.
- Mayor Welch offered the City's congratulations to the Hillcrest High School Boys Basketball team for being named State Class 3A champion. A standing ovation was given. Mayor Welch stated the team had also received the "sportsmanship" award, the team members had come through our school and park program system and all of them also have succeeded academically. He challenged the members of the City Council to determine a manner in which to congratulate the team in celebration.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, reminded everyone that the City wide Blood Drive will be held on April 10, 2010

0 Absent:

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 April 12, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Martin reported that the next Committee Meeting will be April 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 5, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Battie stated that a Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on April 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 7, 2010 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Hutson reminded everyone that the Economic Development Committee Meeting will be held on April 7, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 13, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Planning, Zoning and Development Committee Meeting will be held on March 31, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 1, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Insurance and Risk Management Committee Meeting will be held on April 1, 2010 at 5 pm.

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 6, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that softball and football registration is underway.

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 13, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that a Contract Compliance Committee Meeting will be held on April 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 15, 2010 5:00 pm)**

Alderman Williams reminded everyone that the Schools and Education Committee will meet on April 15, 2010 at 5 pm.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Burris stated that he has not received a copy of Chatham Pancake House's electric bill and he reminded everyone that a Ward 4 meeting will be held at the Flossmoor Library on March 25, 2010.

Alderman Williams reminded residents to report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be March 24 . He also stated that the applications for the RTA free fare program for seniors will be available at the Rich Township Senior Center on March 23 from 10 am to noon. He stated that the Stop the Violence event will be held on Sunday, July 25 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Alderman Battie reminded everyone that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be March 23, 2010. He stated that he enjoyed participating in the welcome home parade for the Hillcrest team and offered his congratulations.

Alderman Ford offered his congratulations to the Hillcrest Basketball team. He reminded everyone that the Finance Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. He stated that the draft 2010/2011 budget will be available for the aldermen at 4 pm on Thursday, March 25 and budget meetings will be held on March 29, April 10 and April 17.

Alderman Hutson offered his congratulations to the Hillcrest team and reminded everyone that the Ward 3 Community Policing Meeting will be held on March 24.

Alderman Lee offered her congratulations to the Hillcrest team and reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 14, 2010.

Alderman Martin welcomed the new members of the Historical Commission and offered congratulations to the new businesses. He reminded everyone to not walk in the streets and offered his congratulations to the Hillcrest team.

Alderman Singleton reminded everyone that the Community and Parks Activities Committee will meet on April 6. She requested that aldermen be notified by the Police Department of significant events in their Ward and offered congratulations to the part time police academy graduates and the Police Chief.

Alderman Lockett reminded everyone that the Ward 2 Community Policing Meeting will be April 21, inquired as to a shooting at 177th and John, offered congratulations to Chief Evans and the part time police academy graduates and offered congratulations to the Hillcrest High School team, parents, cheerleaders and fans.

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 7:51 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk

Meeting taped by the Cable Commission