

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 25, 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 Lee, Comein, Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams, and Burris constituting a quorum of the City Council.

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

Alderman Battie arrived at 7:03 pm.

Absent were: Aldermen Hutson and Ford.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Father Martin Marren.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - October 11, 2010

Alderman Lee moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of October 11, 2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 11, 2010 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

- Mayor Welch requested a moment of silence in recognition of Carmen Maddox's mother.
- Mayor Welch announced that the Halloween Harvest event will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 5 - 10 pm. Admission is \$2.00 and residents will receive a reverse 911 call with additional information.

- Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 3 - 7 pm.
- Commonwealth Edison has notified the City of a forecasted heavy windstorm Mayor Welch stated that command staff will be reporting at 5 am on Tuesday in anticipation of the storm.

5. City Clerk's Report

No Report.

6. Committee Reports

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

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Comein moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$907,158.14. Second - Alderman Martin. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE	4 Ayes:	Aldermen Battie, Comein, Martin, and Mayor Welch.
	1 Abstain:	Alderman Lee
	4 Nays:	Aldermen Singleton, Lockett, Williams, and Burris.

Alderman Singleton cast a no vote for all vouchers with an aye vote for Governmental Business. Alderman Lockett cast a no vote for Boss Door Company, Classic Party Rental, Engelmam, G. Neil, Inland Real Estate, Kinsella Landscaping, McGladrey & Pullen, National Roofing, G.Picciola, Theobald and Associates, and WGN Flag. Alderman Williams cast a no vote for McGladrey & Pullen, Theobald and Associates, Sikich LLP, Slutzky and Blumenthal, Trans World Systems, and Verizon Wireless (questioning the cost of air cards). Alderman Burris cast a no vote for McGladrey & Pullen, Theobald and Associates, and Trans World Systems. The voucher for Eagle Food Center was removed from consideration with leave of the body and it was stated that the voucher for Picciola had been requested to be removed at the Finance Committee Meeting.

2 Absent: Aldermen Hutson and Ford.

Clarification was provided regarding the vote tally and Mayor Welch reiterated that requested information and clarification on specific vouchers is to be provided at the Finance Committee Meeting.

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 November 8, 2010 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Martin announced that the Law, Ordinance and Government Operations Committee Meeting will be held on November 8 at 6:30 pm

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

Alderman Battie announced that a Public Works and Utilities Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 1 at 6:30 pm.

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

Alderman Comein announced that an Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:00 pm.

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 9, 2010 7:00 pm)**

No Report

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting November 18, 2010 5:00 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

**VII. Community and Park Activities Alderman Singleton, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Singleton stated that registration for basketball will be ending soon and limited openings are available.

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 with a change in time to 4 PM.

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Burris reminded residents that early voting is ongoing until October 28 and to vote in the November and April elections. He announced a Town Hall meeting to be held on October 28, stated that he felt the theater operated at a \$500,000 loss, requested reports on lawsuits, reminded everyone to have a safe Halloween, and inquired as to the status of the Put Illinois to Work Program. Mayor Welch explained that information regarding lawsuits is available at the Insurance and Risk Management Committee Meetings.

Alderman Williams reminded everyone to have a safe Halloween and suggested that information requested by the aldermen could be sent electronically in an effort to conserve resources.

Alderman Comein reminded everyone that the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be November 11 at Hillcrest High School, the annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be November 8 prior to the City Council meeting, seniors are reminded to sign up for the snow plow program, and reminded residents to wear reflective clothing for Halloween or outdoor activities.

Alderman Battie stated that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on October 26 at 7 pm. He also stated that curb and gutter improvements are underway in the Castle Dargan subdivision.

Alderman Lee reminded residents that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be held on November 10 at 7 pm at City Hall. She also reminded residents to use sidewalks wherever possible.

Alderman Martin reminded residents to have their furnaces and fireplaces checked before the winter season, thanked Public Works for a job well done and announced that CEDA is offering a weatherization program. He encouraged parents to become involved in their children's schools and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Alderman Singleton asked that residents be aware of children on sidewalks and streets and requested that anyone with information regarding her missing dog please contact her.

Alderman Lockett requested a moment of silence for Stephen Reed, stated that the Ward 2 Community Policing Meeting will be held on November 17 at 7 pm at the Police Department and encouraged residents to take advantage of the provisions of their insurance policies and programs offered by CEDA. He reminded everyone that curfew is in effect and to have a safe Halloween. He inquired as to whether the sign at United Liquor is in compliance.

Alderman Lockett moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Martin.
Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individual addressed the Council:

Ralph Tolbert, 17750 Winston Drive inquired as to what measures the City is taking to address budget concerns, expressed concerns regarding possible uses for TIF monies, suggested the City decrease expenditures, and suggested the Council consider changing the agenda order placement of the public portion of the meeting. Alderman Burris stated that this may be considered at an Administrative Meeting..

Alderman Comein moved to close the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Martin.
Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk