

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 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, Williams, Ford 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.

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

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

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

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

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

A. **Approval of a Resolution Requesting That Illinois Governor Pat Quinn Appeal the Determination Made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency That Cook County, Illinois Not Qualify for Federal Disaster Assistance o Under the Public Assistance Program for the Flooding Disaster of July 23, and 24, 2010**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-16-10 a Resolution Requesting That Illinois Governor Pat Quinn Appeal the Determination Made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency That Cook County, Illinois Not Qualify for Federal Disaster Assistance Under the Public Assistance Program for the Flooding Disaster of July 23, and 24,

2010. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that resolution was requesting an appeal of the denial of flooding disaster funds,

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

B. Approval of the Appointment of Joe W. Ellington as Fire Chief, City of Country Club Hills

Mayor Welch stated that Gary Kasper had retired as Fire Chief, that he, as Mayor, had appointed Joe Ellington as temporary Fire Chief, and the Mayor was now requesting a permanent appointment to the position for Ellington with the City Council's approval.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the Appointment of Joe W. Ellington as Fire Chief for the City of Country Club Hills. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - the aldermen expressed their approval of the choice of Ellington as Chief and stated that they were looking forward to working with him.

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

Joe Ellington was sworn in as the Fire Chief by City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain. Chief Ellington addressed the Council and stated that he was looking forward to serving the community as Fire Chief.

Mayor Welch announced the following:

- Kenneth Buder passed away. He had served as assistant Fire Chief for over twenty years.
- The City has received approval for a COPS grant providing for 2 additional full time policemen for a period of three years
- Cardinal George celebrated Mass commemorating the 50th anniversary of St. Emeric parish.
- Residents have received telephone calls from Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr requesting support for the third airport. Mayor Welch stated that the Cardinal indicated that he supported the project and that the third airport would provide thousands of much needed jobs.
- Mayor Welch requested Council approval of the appointment of Claudia McGee Morales to the Youth Commission.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Claudia McGee-Morales to the Youth Commission. Second - Alderman Lee. Discussion - none.

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

Ms. McGee-Morales addressed the Council and indicated her enthusiasm and interest in serving on the Youth Commission.

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

- 1. McGladrey & Pullen, LLP - \$22,000.00**
- 2. Theobald & Associates - \$12,099.14**
- 3. Gino Picciola - \$1,130.00**

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of vouchers for McGladrey & Pullen, Theobald and Associates, and Gino Picciola. Alderman Burris moved that the vouchers be voted upon individually. Second - Alderman Williams. Discussion - none. Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend as follows

ROLL CALL VOTE 10 Ayes: Aldermen Hutson, Lee, Battie, Comein,
Singleton, Lockett, Martin, Williams,
Ford, and Burris.

0 Nays:

0 Absent:

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

1. Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP in the amount of \$22,000. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

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

3 Nays: Aldermen Singleton, Lockett and Burris

0 Absent:

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

2. Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of Theobald & Associates in the amount of \$12,099.14. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none.

Alderman Hutson announced that an Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 1st at 6:00 pm.

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting December 14, 2010 7:00 pm)**

Alderman Lockett announced that a Planning Zoning and Development Meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 7 pm.

**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)**

No Report

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting December 14, 2010 6:30 pm)**

A committee meeting is scheduled for December 14, 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 thanked staff for dealing with a dead tree, inquired as to the progress on bids for the Provincetown/Premier Estates fence, was reminded that he could not announce political meetings from the dais, commented on the revenues and expenditures for the amphitheater and thanked everyone who voted in the November 2nd election and reminded everyone to vote in the April 5 election.

Alderman Williams thanked everyone for voting in the November 2 election and reminded residents to have fireplaces and furnaces checked before the onset of winter.

Alderman Comein reminded residents to lock their doors and windows and reminded eligible seniors to sign up for the snow plow program.

Alderman Ford reminded residents that the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon is scheduled for November 11, 2011. Several members of the Youth mentoring program will be serving at the luncheon. He also reminded everyone that the Ward 4 Community Policing Meeting will be November 16.

Alderman Hutson alerted the community to a second incident of squatters and reminded residents to call 911 if anything is suspicious in their neighborhoods. The Chief of Police addressed the Council and offered further explanation regarding the incident.

Members of the Hillcrest High School Track Team and their coach addressed the Council and announced that the team had earned their second consecutive state championship. They presented the Mayor with a championship ring.

Alderman Lee reminded everyone that the Ward 1 Community Policing Meeting will be November 10 at 7 pm. She offered congratulations to the new Fire Chief and the Hillcrest High School Track team

Alderman Martin congratulated Chief Ellington, Ms. Morales, and the Cougars Youth Football team. He encouraged furnace and fireplace safety and School Board meeting attendance. He reminded residents that weatherization assistance is available to qualified individuals from CEDA and reminded seniors to attend the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Alderman Singleton congratulated the Hillcrest High School Track team, Ms. Morales, Chief Kasper and Fire Chief Ellington.

Alderman Lockett congratulated the Hillcrest Track team, the Cougars football team, thanked those that participated in the City's Halloween event, reminded residents to check on their neighbors, and reminded Ward 2 residents that the Community Policing Meeting will be held on November 17. He concluded by wishing everyone a safe holiday.

Mayor Welch announced that vacancies have lowered from 300 units to 272 units in the past month. The average over the past 10 years has been 275 units. He stated that this emphasizes the importance of home rule.

Alderman Hutson 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, suggested the City decrease expenditures and consider alternatives for the use of the Stelter Farm and inquired as to the plan to make the “Eagle Shopping Center profitable.”

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

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 7:56 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk