

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 28, 2011**

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, Martin, Williams and Ford constituting a quorum of the City Council.

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

Alderman Lockett arrived at 7:02 pm.

Absent were: Aldermen Singleton and Burris.

2a. Invocation - The invocation was given by Mayor Welch.

3. **Journal of Proceedings:**

A. **Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 14, 2011**

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 14, 2011. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of March 14, 2011 Carried Via Voice Vote.

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

Mayor Welch announced that former Police Chief, Bob Roberts, had passed away and that services will be held on March 31, 2011. Roberts had been a member of the Country Club Hills Police Department for many years and had been Chief of Police for over 20 years.

Mayor Welch requested a motion for commission appointments.

Alderman Hutson moved for Council approval of the appointment of Adrienne Miller to the Cultural Arts Commission and Pamela Carter to the Veterans Commission. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - none. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

5. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain, announced that early voting for the April 5, 2011 election will be held from March 14, 2011 through March 31, 2011. Early voting is available at the Matteson Village Hall, the Oak Forest City Hall, and at the Markham Courthouse. Additional information can be obtained by calling her offices

6. Committee Reports

I. Finance: Alderman Ford, Chairman (Committee Meeting April 21, 2011 6:30 pm)

A. Approval of Vouchers

Alderman Ford moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,991,052.94. Second - Alderman Comein. Discussion - it was explained that a portion of the dollar amount represents property tax rebates.

ROLL CALL VOTE	6 Ayes:	Aldermen Hutson, Battie, Comein, Martin, Williams and Ford.
	1 Nays:	Alderman Lee (no to vouchers, yes for rebates)
	1 Abstain:	Alderman Lockett (abstained on a/p vouchers, voted yes for rebates)
	2 Absent:	Aldermen Singleton and Burris.

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 11, 2011 6:00 pm)

There will be a committee meeting on April 11, 2011 at 6:00 pm

**II. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Battie, Chairman
(Committee Meeting -May 4, 2011 6:30 pm)**

There will be a committee meeting on May 4, 2011 at 6:30 pm

**IV. Economic Development Alderman Hutson, Chairman
(Committee Meeting May 4, 2011 6:00 pm)**

There will be a committee meeting on May 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm

**V. Planning, Zoning and Development Alderman Lockett Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No report.

**VI. Insurance and Risk Management Alderman Comein, Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 21, 2011 6:00 pm)**

There will be a committee meeting on April 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm

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

No Report

**VIII. Contract Compliance Alderman Lee, Chairman
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

No Report

**IX. Special Committee - Schools & Education Alderman Williams,
Chairman
(Committee Meeting April 21, 2011 5:00 pm)**

No Report

7. Aldermen's Reports

Alderman Lockett reminded residents about early voting for the April 5 election. He also reminded residents to be aware of children playing outside and to check on their neighbors.

Alderman Martin reminded residents to be alert to children playing outside

Alderman Lee asked that residents keep pets in control as she was recently bitten by a dog.

Alderman Hutson encouraged residents to report street damage by calling him directly.

Alderman Ford stated that the 2011/12 budget will be ready for review and will be laid on the table on April 11, 2011.

Alderman Battie reminded residents that the Ward 5 Community Policing Meeting will be held on April 26 at City Hall.

Alderman Comein stated that Chief Roberts' son had been one of Country Club Hills first Eagle Scouts.

Alderman Williams expressed his concern to Alderman Lee regarding her recent dog bite. He reminded residents that early lawn maintenance would make things easier in the future.

Alderman Hutson moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

April Cole-Griffin, 18040 Poplar, addressed the Council and stated that elected officials should be visible at all times and not just prior to running for re-election. She inquired as to the necessity for 2 aldermen from each ward and stated that not attending City Council meetings was tantamount to theft of services.

Angela Walton, 4351 West 181st Street, addressed the Council and stated that a package had been stolen from her front porch.

Mayor Welch stated that he has experienced the same problems with delivered packages and suggested Ms. Walton contact UPS and the Police Department.

Alderman Hutson moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Comein. 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 7:14 pm.

Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk