

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Mayor Hutchinson and Webelos Scout Jonah Velnosky, of Pack 319, called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

Ebersohl	Present	Agne	Absent
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Present
Huch	Present	Reis	Present
Holtkamp	Present	Martens	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
Chief of Police Jerry Paul	EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht
City Engineer Chris Smith	Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon
InterDev Systems Engineer II James Mitchell	

II. Delegation/Public Comments

A. Oath of Office for Police Officer Andrew Krump

Mayor Hutchinson administered the Oath of Office to Police officer Andrew Krump.

B. Oath of Office for Police Officer Anthony Delaney

Mayor Hutchinson administered the Oath of Office to Police officer Anthony Delaney.

C. Sophia & Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation – Appointment of New Member to Board of Directors

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of Mark C. Scoggins, President of the Sophia & Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation, and provide advice and consent for the appointment of Robert Niemietz as a member of the Sophia & Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 17, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 17, 2018 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Community Development

The report of the Community Development Department was presented to the Council.

1. Release Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Brellinger Land Trust

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to release the Irrevocable Letter of Credit #13-01 issued for Brellinger Land Trust for the construction of a permanent cul-de-sac on Frost Landing. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Special Event – Century 21 Advantage Easter Egg Hunt

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Century 21 Advantage Easter Egg Hunt as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

3. Non-Conforming Tent Structures

Mr. Dunakey informed the Council that he and the Building Inspector had conducted inspections of each of the non-conforming tent structures throughout the City and one of the facilities has deficiencies with four of the seven life safety issues. Mr. Dunakey then inquired as to how staff should proceed with the situation. Mayor Hutchinson inquired if the four violations were correctable, to which Mr. Dunakey verified they can be fixed. City Administrator Morani stated that it is staff's position to revoke the City's deferral of building code enforcement pertaining to this structure since it has not been brought into compliance with life safety items. It was the consensus of the Council to issue a letter revoking the City's deferral of building code enforcement for the tent structure.

B. City Engineer/Public Works

The report of the City Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 2019-01 – Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Quarry Road

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Resolution No. 2019-01, a Resolution Authorizing Improvement to Quarry Road under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

2. Oates Associates Engineering Agreement for Quarry Road

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Hutch, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement with Oates Associates for the Quarry Road Resurfacing Phase 1 Project with an estimated cost of \$88,000.00. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

3. Gonzalez Companies Engineering Agreement for Bolm-Schuhkraft Connector Trail

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement with Gonzalez Companies for the Bolm-Schuhkraft Connector Trail Project with an estimated cost of \$19,995.00. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

4. Ordinance No. 3445 – Fox Run Estates Phase 3 Easement Dedication and Vacation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve Ordinance No. 3445, An Ordinance to Approve an Easement Dedication and Easement Vacation Affecting Lots 38 and 39 of the “Fox Run Estates Phase 3” Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

C. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Hutch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 3, 2019 in the amount of two hundred thirty-four thousand, six hundred seventy-one dollars, and thirty-three cents (\$234,671.33). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

D. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

1. Request for Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Mr. Hoeffken informed the Council he needs to address a personnel issue under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

E. City Attorney

The City Attorney was not present.

F. City Administrator

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council.

G. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

V. Old Business

A. Proposed Solar Farm

Alderman Ebersohl inquired about the status of the proposed solar farm. Mr. Morani stated the old landfill was not big enough to locate enough solar panels and the alternate location would not qualify for "Brown Fields" credits. Mr. Morani added the City could revisit the proposal in the future.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings – January 14, 2019

Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:29 P.M. to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:41 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

A. Deputy Clerk Vacancy

Mr. Morani explained the City intends to backfill the vacancy that will be created by appointing Kelly Mathews as the new Deputy Clerk upon Donna Mehaffey's retirement. Mr. Morani added the City received over 50 applications for the clerical position at the Police Department and he will be reviewing those applicants for potential candidates for the Clerk's Office. Mr. Morani also stated several employees will be cross-trained for City Hall clerical and administrative activities. Alderman Roessler inquired if the City is still considering eliminating the full-time Deputy Clerk position. Mr. Hoeffken explained that he and Mr. Morani are still reviewing options to maximize all City Hall personnel responsibilities, but added while it is not a full-time job, there will always be a need for a Deputy Clerk to exercise the activities of the City Clerk in their absence.

B. POP-UP SHOP Monument Sign

Alderman Roessler stated he would like to either table action on the POP-UP SHOP monument sign or discuss it at the next Committee Meeting. Mayor Hutchinson stated the topic will be added to the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderman Niemietz stated the size of the sign is a major issue and suggested a mock-up sign be erected on the site so the Council can see the impact to the area.

X. Adjournment

Motion:

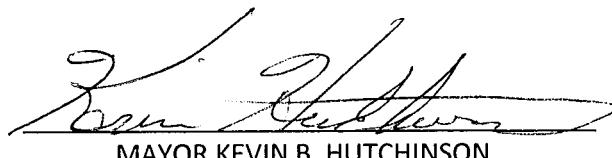
It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:46 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Absent	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea		



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON