

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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| <b>Ebersohl</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            | <b>Huch</b>    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            |
| <b>Agne</b>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            | <b>Mathews</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Present            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| <b>Niemietz</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            | <b>Reis</b>    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            |
| <b>Roessler</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Present            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent |                |   |  |

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

- City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer
- City Attorney Terry Bruckert
- Building Inspector Al Holden
- City Engineer Ronald Williams
- Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens
- Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
- Head Librarian
- Labor Attorney Mark Weisman

- City Administrator Al Hudzik
- Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards
- City Treasurer Robert Naumann
- Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
- Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
- Plan Commissioner Edith Dean
- Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. Kiwanis - 20<sup>th</sup> Year

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Columbia Kiwanis Club with a proclamation honoring the organization for 20 years of service to the community. Kiwanis President Scott Hofstetter accepted the honor for the entire club.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, December 17, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 17, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Huch

Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea |

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| Roessler | Absent |
| Huch     | Yea    |
| Mathews  | Absent |

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| Reis | Yea |
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Motion Carried 5 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, December 17, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, December 17, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, December 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried      5 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Community & Economic Development

Mr. Paul Ellis presented the Community & Economic Development Report to the City Council.

1. Ordinance to Authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed With a Grant Application to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for an "Our Town" Grant

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2992, An Ordinance to authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to proceed with a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for an "Our Town" Grant.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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|----------|-----|----------|--------|------|-----|
| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried      5 To 0

2. Set Date for Public Hearing regarding Status Report on Progress of the Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Area - February 19, 2013

The date for the hearing was set for February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

B. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. In his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on Winter Weather Operations used by the City, the final pay-outs and close out for the Cherry Street Water Tank Interior Painting Project and the upgrading of Telemetry Systems for the Water and Sewer Stations.

C. City Attorney

1. No Report.

D. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 3, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred five thousand sixty-one dollars and eighteen cents (\$205,061.18).

Moved by: Huch      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through November 30, 2012 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,858,528.97. The balance is \$58,859.39 higher than the \$6,799,669.58 balance of October 31, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of November 30, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (September, October and November) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$192,947.00 due to the City of Columbia. Also, the City received \$928,459.72 of real estate tax distributions from Monroe County of which \$83,304.30 was transferred to the Police Pension Fund. (This fund cash balance is not included on the Statement of Funds.) The City also received \$189,192.23 from Monroe County as an annual appropriation to the Ambulance Department.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through November 30, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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|----------|-----|----------|--------|------|-----|
| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

E. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

Mr. Hudzik had no formal report.

2. Mr. Hudzik reminded those in attendance that the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

F. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his December 2012 monthly report to the City Council.

2. An Ordinance to Fill the Office of City Attorney and Authorization to Enter into a Legal Fee Agreement for the Remainder of the Fiscal Year of the City Ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2993, an Ordinance to fill the office of City Attorney and authorization to enter into a Legal Fee Agreement for the remainder of the fiscal year of the City ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Reis      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried      5 To 0

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept and approve the reports of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried      5 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. None.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 14, 2013

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:00 P.M. Discussion on purchase of American Legion Property

Personnel - 7:10 P.M. Departmental Staffing discussion; Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:20 P.M. Definition of Kennel discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining/employee wages discussion.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to direct Mayor Hutchinson to go into Executive Session at 7:28 P.M. for the purpose of collective bargaining/employee wages discussion.

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| Eberschl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:43 P.M.

Moved by: Reis      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

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

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

## 1. FOP - Officers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the FOP - Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement Terms (pursuant to negotiations and mediation) as described in Executive Session.

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

## 2. FOP - Telecommunicators

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the FOP - Telecommunicators' Collective Bargaining Agreement Terms (pursuant to negotiations) as described in Executive Session.

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|----------|-----|----------|--------|------|-----|
| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:45 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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| Eberschl | Yea | Roessler | Absent | Reis | Yea |
| Agne     | Yea | Huch     | Yea    |      |     |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews  | Absent |      |     |

Motion Carried 5 To 0

*J. Ronald Colyer*  
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

~~RONALD COLVER CITY CLERK~~

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON

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