

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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:

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

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Karin Callis
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Hutchinson issued and read a proclamation declaring October 2013 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". The Mayor presented the Proclamation to representatives from the Violence Prevention Center.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council, as amended, held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2013

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage and City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Variance Request - N. Main Street & Wedgewood Square, Lot 4

Alderman Agne noted that reasons for granting the variance include:

A. What appears to be the cedar portion is a very small percentage of the facades.

B. The building materials match the earlier buildings in the office complex.

C. The material which appears to be cedar is actually a non-combustible cementitious material which meets the fire code.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Wendy and Bill Norman Variance Request to use a combination of brick & cedar siding on their new proposed office building at N. Main Street & Wedgewood Square, Lot 4, as recommended by the Architectural Review Board.

Moved by: Agne Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Variance Request - 580 Old State Route 3

Alderman Agne pointed out that reasons for granting the variance include:

A. The pre-finished alpolic panels and the split face block are appropriate materials for the scale of a large building in a C-3 district.

B. The materials match previous variances granted to car dealers.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Bob Brockland Buick Variance Request to use pre-finished alpolic panels and painted split face block on their new proposed commercial building at 580 Old State Route 3 as recommended by the Architectural Review Board.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2013

Plan Commissioner Karin Callis presented the September 9, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

No Report.

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

In addition to proposed action items to be presented, Mr. Williams updated the Council on various projects taking place in the City. Those updates included the Cherry Street Improvement Project, the

Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation and the Main Street Streetscape Project.

Mr. Williams also noted that a request has been made for the City to explore the possibility of vacating the undeveloped portion of Thomas Street between Charlotte and Carl.

2. An Ordinance to Approve a Plat of Survey of Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Columbia, Monroe County, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3058, an Ordinance to approve a Plat of Survey of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Columbia, Monroe County, Illinois. (Harry and Cresita Mardirosian - 911 Bluffside Road & Jason and Shae Dix - 905 Bluffside Road.)

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. An Ordinance for Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for Huebner Heights Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3059, an Ordinance for approval of the final subdivision plat for Huebner Heights Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

4. An Ordinance for Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for Huebner Heights 1st Addition Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3060, an Ordinance for approval of the final subdivision plat for Huebner Heights 1st Addition Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Mathews Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

5. An Ordinance for Conditional Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Brockland Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois including a Variance to Provide On-Site Storm Water Detention

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3061, an Ordinance for conditional approval of the final subdivision plat for the Brockland Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois (Including a variance to provide on-site storm water detention.)

Moved by: Huch Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

H. City Attorney

The City Attorney will present his report in Executive Session.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 12, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred forty-three thousand five hundred seventy-one dollars and thirty-five cents (\$143,571.35).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through July 31, 2013 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,336,910.29. The balance is \$157,405.72 higher than the \$6,179,504.57 balance of June 30, 2013.

The statement indicated that as of July 31, 2013, the State of Illinois is two (2) months (June and July) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$142,447.54 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2013 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers of the City of Columbia, Illinois, Who Do Not Opt-Out of Such a Program

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 09-2013, a Resolution authorizing execution of a Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers of the City of Columbia, Illinois, who do not opt-out of such a program.

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

K. Mayor

1. Columbia Knights of Columbus - Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive (handing out tootsie rolls for donations)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Columbia Knights of Columbus - Annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive (handing out tootsie rolls for donations) to be held on Friday and Saturday, September 20th and 21st at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Admiral Parkway (Route 3).

Moved by: Huch Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 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: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 9, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis	Second: Mathews	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Absent	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Absent	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli Shughart, be employed as labor counsel to represent the city pertaining to the employee pay issue discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli Shughart, be employed as labor counsel to represent the city pertaining to the employee pay issue discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Huch	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Absent	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Absent	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - September 9, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - September 9, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 9, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - September 9, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

Water and Sewer - 7:00 P.M. - Zone of Initial Dilution Study
Presentation/Discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M. - (1) Discussion on Vacating an Undeveloped Portion of Thomas Street (2) Executive Session on EMS Negotiations

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Probable Litigation, Pending Litigation and Employment of a Specific Employee

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss (i) probable litigation; (ii) pending litigation; and (iii) employment of a specific employee.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss (i) probable litigation; (ii) pending litigation; and (iii) employment of a specific employee.

Moved by: Huch Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:12 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Agne, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis, Holtkamp 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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Horner & Shifrin, Inc. settlement per terms as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the hiring of Justin W. Osterhage as the City's Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Official at the recommendation of City Engineer Ron Williams and as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Agne Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:14 P.M.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

J. Ronald Colyer
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

Kevin B. Hutchinson
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON