

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 Timothy Palen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input 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 Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, December 2, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 2, 2013 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 2, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Niemietz

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea
Agne	Yea
Niemietz	Yea

Roessler	Yea
Huch	Yea
Mathews	Yea

Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea

Motion Carried 8 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 Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department

1. Communications & Police Department - Monthly Reports

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

2. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Records Clerk for the Police Department and Council Action Thereon

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Nichole Koch of Waterloo for the Records Clerk position in the Police Department.

Moved by: Huch Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

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 & EMS Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Justin Osterhage.

2. An Ordinance Amending Section 17.34 S-1 Historic Building District of the City of Columbia Zoning Code by Deleting Section 17.34 S-1 Historic Building District in its Entirety and Replacing it With a New Section 17.34 HP Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning District

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance 3078, An Ordinance amending Section 17.34 S-1 Historic Building District of the City of Columbia Zoning Code by deleting Section 17.34 S-1 Historic Building District in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 17.34 HP Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning District.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

E. Plan Commission - Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2013

Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller presented the December 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.

His report included updates and the status of various construction projects in the City. His report included: (1) The Main Street Streetscape Project; (2) Information regarding The Metter Park Pavilion bids that were received on December 4th.

2. An Ordinance for Conditional Approval of the Fourth Preliminary Subdivision Plat for the Village of Wernings Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3079, An Ordinance for conditional approval of the fourth preliminary subdivision plat for the Village of Wernings Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. An Ordinance for Conditional Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Village of Wernings Phase 3 Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3080, An Ordinance for conditional approval of the final subdivision plat for the Village of Wernings Phase 3 Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. 50/50 Sidewalk Application Approval for Property at 515 Charlotte

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the 50/50 Sidewalk Application for the Steve Kettler property at 515 Charlotte.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

H. City Attorney

No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 12, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one million, one hundred twenty-nine thousand six hundred ninety-two dollars and ninety-five cents (\$1,129,692.95).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

2. City Administrator Al Hudzik gave the Council a presentation regarding the correspondence from the Columbia Police Pension Board of Trustees' regarding the 2013 Tax Levy Request.

3. An Ordinance to Abate Certain Taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3081, An Ordinance to abate certain taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2014

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3082, An Ordinance levying the taxes for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

K. Mayor

No Report.

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: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Fire Department

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 25, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Fire Department Committee Meeting held Monday, November 25, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Fire Department Committee Meeting held Monday, November 25, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 25, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 25, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 25, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - December 9, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, December 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Police Officer Ryan Doetsch's non-residency grace period be extended so that it expires upon his one (1) year employment anniversary with the Columbia Police Department.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Police Officer Ryan Doetsch's non-residency grace period be extended so that it expires upon his one (1) year employment anniversary with the Columbia Police Department.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the recommendation of the City's Labor Attorney be followed providing for city staff to attempt to settle the pending litigation matter discussed in Executive Session through mediation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the City's Labor Attorney be followed providing for city staff to attempt to settle the pending litigation matter discussed in Executive Session through mediation.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Police Chief Edwards begin the employment process to hire the individual recommended to fill the records clerk position in the Police Department as discussed in Executive Session.

See page 2, Item IV-B-2.

4. Regular Session Minutes - November 25, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, November 25, 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, November 25, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Regular Session Minutes - December 9, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, December 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, December 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

6. Executive Session Minutes - December 9, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, December 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, December 9, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 23, 2013

None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this Council Meeting's Executive Session

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to have a Merry Christmas and adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:37 P.M.

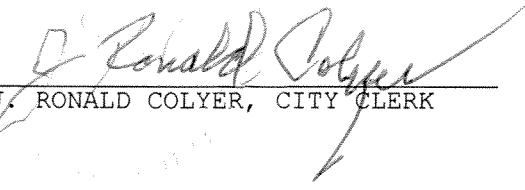
Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

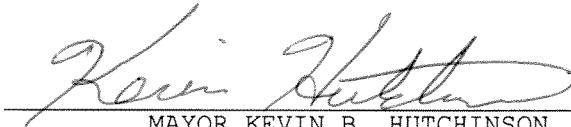
Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Roessler Yea
Huch Yea
Mathews Yea

Reis Yea
Holtkamp Yea

Motion Carried, 8 To 0


J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON