

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014 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:

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Holtkamp</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input 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 & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input type="checkbox"/> Dir. of Community & Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Karin Callis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill
<input type="checkbox"/> EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

City Clerk Ron Colyer was not in attendance at the Council Meeting due to the passing of his mother, Wilma Colyer. Mayor Hutchinson led a moment of silence with prayers and thoughts for him and his family.

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Bethany United Methodist Church - Children's Free Summer Lunch Program ([twigsforkids.org](http://twigsforkids.org))

Pastor Allynn Walker of Bethany United Methodist Church presented to the Mayor and Council a Free Lunch Program provided by the TWIGS Organization, a charitable non-profit organization. The program is available this summer for children of all ages in Columbia. It will run June 2 to August 15, Monday thru Friday at Meadow Ridge Park from 11:30 A.M. to 11:55 A.M. and Metter Memorial Park from 12:05 P.M. to 12:30 P.M. handing out free lunches. Pastor Walker will contact Building Inspector Justin Osterhage regarding the signage in Columbia for the program.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, May 5, 2014

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 5, 2014 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 5, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 Abstention

**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. Mrs. Krabill also updated the Council on various summer programs and activities at the Library. Per the request of Alderman Niemietz, Mrs. Krabill will begin providing the minutes of the Library Board with her monthly reports.

**B. Police Department**

**1. Police Department - Monthly Report**

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

**2. Communications - Monthly Reports**

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

**3. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Telecommunicator and Council Action Thereon**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Lisa Graham of Collinsville, Illinois, contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as a federal and state background check.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Chief Edwards noted that Ms. Graham has a six month residency requirement.

In other business, Chief Edwards indicated that Mr. Jim Closson with our insurance company, the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) requested the City Council meeting minutes reflect that all officers of the Columbia Police Department have completed a staff meeting with the IMLRMA to reduce the number of injuries and workers compensation claims. The Chief also reported that all Police Officers and Telecommunicators have completed "Project 16", an officer safety course with 16 hours of training to reduce law enforcement deaths.

C. EMS Department

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.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2014

Plan Commissioner Karin Callis presented the May 12, 2014 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council. Mrs. Callis also updated the Council on recent activities of the Commission.

F. Community & Economic Development

No Report.

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens presented the Engineer's Report to the City Council.

The written report included updates and the status of various construction projects in the City. His report included information items on: (i) North Main Street Resurfacing Project; (ii) Committee Meeting to discuss possible Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application; (iii) Committee Meeting to discuss Legion Park Fence.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize a Joint Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the N. Main Street HMA Resurfacing with ADA Ramp Improvements from E. Crestview Drive to Whiteside Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3101, An Ordinance to authorize a joint agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the N. Main Street HMA Resurfacing with ADA Ramp Improvements from E. Crestview Drive to Whiteside Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

H. City Attorney

No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 15, 2014; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred nine thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$209,447.84).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

No report, but Mr. Hudzik communicated on the welfare of his wife who is now home recovering and that everyone's thoughts and prayers are welcome.

K. Mayor

1. Mayor Hutchinson reported that Administrative Assistant and Event Coordinator Jackie Hausmann has resigned effective June 19 to spend more time with her family; but if possible, would like to continue on as part-time. This item will be discussed at a committee meeting next week, May 27, 2014.
2. With great sadness and emotion, Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that City Administrator Al Hudzik was stepping down as Administrator to spend more time with his family. Mr. Hudzik will stay on until the City can hire another Administrator.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Executive and Rules**

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council the FY 2014-2015 City of Columbia Aldermanic Committees, as discussed and determined in Committee

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the FY 2014-2015 City of Columbia Aldermanic Committees, as discussed and determined in Committee.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - May 12, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting held Monday, May 12, 2014 were presented for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting held Monday, May 12, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 Abstention

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014**

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:00 P.M. Khoury League Presentation - Fence at American Legion Memorial Park

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:10 P.M. Radon Discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. (i) Springbrook Software System Discussion; (ii) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application Discussion; (iii) 2008 G.O. Capital Projects & Refunding Bonds Callable in December 2014 Discussion; (iv) Executive Session: Review of Executive Session Minutes for Publication Discussion

Personnel - 7:30 P.M. (i) Discussion on Filling Vacancies (ii) Executive Session - Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 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 adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

*J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk*  
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK  
*by Adam R. Metzger,*  
*Deputy Clerk*

*Kevin B. Hutchinson*  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON