

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 vote, the following were:

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

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was led by a member of Girl Scout Troop 652.

Administrative Staff present:

<u>X</u> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<u>X</u> City Administrator James Morani
<u>X</u> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<u>X</u> Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
<u>X</u> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<u> </u> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<u>X</u> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<u> </u> Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
<u> </u> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<u>X</u> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<u>X</u> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<u>X</u> Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley
<u>X</u> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<u> </u> Deputy City Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<u> </u> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<u> </u> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

Mayor Hutchinson administered the Oath of Office to James Morani as the City Administrator.

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

**A. Tracy Sewell - Paving of Railroad Right-Of-Way Walking Trail**

Ms. Tracy Sewell of 812 N Briegel Street addressed the Council regarding the recent paving of the old railroad right-of-way walking trail. Ms. Sewell expressed concern that the trail was to be paved in three phases over a period of ten years and needs to understand why the City paved the trail so soon. Mayor Hutchinson stated the City received a grant that enabled the trail to be paved sooner than expected. Alderman Roessler explained the bids came in lower than expected, which allowed the City to pave more than what was initially planned. Alderman Niemietz stated the City has had ownership of the old right-of-way for many years and the plan to pave the walkway did not include a 10-year timeline.

**B. Project 16 Training Award**

Mr. Bill Fitzgerald, Director of Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, presented an award to Chief of Police Joe Edwards and Deputy Chief Jerry Paul in recognition of the Columbia Police Department Officers and Telecommunicators for their completion of the Project 16 Training. Terry Bell,

Chief of Police from Highland Illinois, and Robert Hertz, Sheriff of Madison County, Illinois, were also present for the presentation.

Chief Edwards thanked the officers and telecommunicators for their dedication to the department, and thanked the council for their continued support.

### **III. Read and Approve Minutes**

#### **A. Regular Meeting**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 6, 2014 were submitted for approval.

#### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 6, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

### **IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

#### **A. Library**

##### **1. Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Library was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

#### **B. Police Department**

##### **1. Police Department - Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Police Department was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

##### **2. Communications - Monthly Reports**

The monthly reports of the Communications Department were presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

##### **3. Appointment of Records Clerk/Officers' Secretary**

#### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Joe Edwards to hire Holly Schuchardt, of Columbia, Illinois, as a

Records Clerk/Officers' Secretary for the Police Department contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

C. Emergency Medical Services

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

D. Plan Commission

1. The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 13, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Russell Horsley.

E. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Request for Zoning Amendment - Joseph G. and Patricia A. Koppeis

Building Inspector Justin Osterhage stated the requested zoning amendment has satisfied all of the City's zoning requirements.

3. Request for Zoning Amendment and Zoning Variances - Columbia Land Management, LLC

Building Inspector Justin Osterhage stated the requested zoning amendment and variances have satisfied all of the City's zoning requirements.

F. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the City Engineer was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Ordinance No. 3129 - Annexation of Real Estate

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3129, an ordinance annexing a tract of real estate belonging to Columbia Land Management, LLC, having an assigned address of 247 W. Sandbank Road, and comprising 21.34 acres, more or less, which property is bounded by W. Sandbank Road, Illinois Route 3, and Old Bluff Road in Monroe County, Illinois into the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3130 - Zoning of Real Estate

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3130, an ordinance zoning land recently annexed into the City of Columbia, Illinois belonging to Columbia Land Management, LLC, having an assigned address of 247 W. Sandbank Road, which property is bounded by W. Sandbank Road, Illinois Route 3, and Old Bluff Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois, comprising 21.34 acres, more or less.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 3131 - Zoning Code Variance

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3131, an ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to Columbia Land Management, LLC, for their property located at 247 W. Sandbank Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the height of buildings to be up to eight (8) stories or one hundred (100) feet in height.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

#### 5. Ordinance No. 3132 - Zoning Code Variance

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3132, an ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to Columbia Land Management, LLC, for their property located at 247 W. Sandbank Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the width of up to 20% of the total parking spaces for the overall development to be nine (9) feet in width.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

#### 6. Ordinance No. 3133 - Zoning Code Variance

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3133, an ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to Columbia Land Management, LLC, for their property located at 247 W. Sandbank Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the length of the loading berth to be thirty-five (35) feet.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

#### 7. Ordinance No. 3134 - Zoning Code Exceptions

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3134, an ordinance to grant Zoning Code Exceptions to Columbia Land Management, LLC, for their property located at 247 W. Sandbank Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow certain uses to be permitted on their C-3 (Highway Business District) property.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

8. Ordinance No. 3135 - Annexation of Real Estate

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3135, an ordinance annexing a tract of real estate belonging to Joseph G. Koppeis and Patricia A. Koppeis, having an assigned address of 11832 Bluff Road, and comprising 0.50 acres, more or less, which property is located on Old Bluff Road between W. Sandbank Road and DD Road in Monroe County, Illinois into the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

9. Ordinance No. 3136 - Zoning of Real Estate

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3136, an ordinance zoning land recently annexed into the City of Columbia, Illinois belonging to Joseph G. Koppeis and Patricia A. Koppeis, having an assigned address of 11832 Bluff Road, which property is located on Old Bluff Road between W. Sandbank Road and DD Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois, comprising 0.50 acres, more or less.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

G. City Attorney

Mr. Bruckert stated he had nothing to report to the Council.

H. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through October 16, 2014 in the amount of three hundred eight thousand, three hundred thirteen dollars and five cents (\$308,313.05).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Statement of Funds through Tuesday, September 30, 2014 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results: All Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Annual Financial Report

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the City's Annual Financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014 as presented by Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC, CPAs, at the October 13, 2014 Finance, Claims, Bonds & Interest Committee meeting.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**I. Administration Department**

**1. Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the City Administrator was presented by City Administrator James Morani.

**J. Mayor**

**1. Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented by Mayor Hutchinson.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results: All aldermen present voted yea. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Council.

**VI. New Business**

There was no new business brought before the Council.

**VII. Report of Standing Committees**

**A. Finance, Claims, Bonds & Interest**

**1. Regular Session Minutes**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds & Interest Committee meeting held Monday, October 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Executive Session Minutes

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, October 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Regular Session Minutes

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, October 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

There were no meetings scheduled.

IX. Executive Session

A. EMS Collective Bargaining Negotiations Update

B. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss EMS Collective Bargaining negotiations update and to discuss pending litigation.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:42 P.M. to discuss EMS Collective Bargaining negotiations update and to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:18 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

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

X. Action(s) Resulting from Executive Session

A. Approval of Action(s) Items Resulting from Executive Session

There was no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

XI. Adjournment

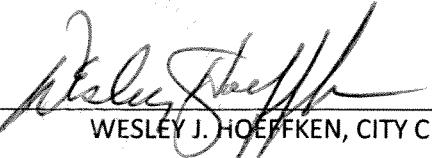
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, October 20, 2014 at 8:18 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON