

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. Call To Order**

Alderman Ebersohl 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.

Administrative Staff present:

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| City Clerk Wes Hoeffken                        | City Administrator Jimmy Morani              |
| City Attorney Terry Bruckert                   | Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards |
| Building Inspector Justin Osterhage            | City Engineer Ronald Williams                |
| Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis | Plan Commissioner Paul Khoury                |

**Mayor Pro Tem**

Alderman Ebersohl requested a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem since Mayor Hutchinson was out of town until Monday, November 24, 2014.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem until Monday, November 24, 2014.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |         |          |     |          |     |
|----------|---------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Ebersohl | Abstain | Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea     | Huch     | Yea | Mathews  | Yea |
| Reis     | Yea     | Holtkamp | Yea |          |     |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

**A. Joe Leight**

Mr. Leight inquired what plans the Council had since the sales tax referendum failed at the past election. Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl stated it is too early to address.

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

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

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 3, 2014 were submitted for approval.

##### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 3, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

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

#### **A. Library**

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

The monthly report of the Library was presented to the Council.

#### **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.

#### **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, November 10, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Paul Khoury.

E. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Request for Building Height Variance for 341 E. Cherry Street

Mr. Osterhage informed the Council that all conditions for the variance request have been satisfied and the variance is ready for approval.

3. Ordinance No. 3140 - Zoning Variance for Gary A. May Revocable Living Trust #1

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3140, an ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to the Gary A. May Revocable Living Trust #1 for its single family residential property located at 341 E. Cherry Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the maximum height to the eaves of an accessory building to be fourteen (14) feet in excess of the allowed ten (10) feet.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

4. Request for two (2) Sign Variances for 1200 Valmeyer Road

Mr. Osterhage informed the Council that all conditions for the variance request have been satisfied and the variance is ready for approval.

5. Ordinance No. 3141 - Sign Variances for First Baptist Church

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3141, an ordinance to grant Sign Variances to First Baptist Church having the assigned address of 1200 Valmeyer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow more square feet of signage and to allow more height for a monument sign than the City's Sign Code allows for an establishment in an Agricultural Zoned District in the City.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

6. Request for two (2) Sign Variances for Admiral Trost Development Lot 12

Mr. Osterhage informed the Council that all conditions for the variance request have been satisfied and the variance is ready for approval.

7. Ordinance No. 3142 - Sign Variances for Wallis Companies

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3142, an ordinance to grant Sign Variances to Wallis Companies having the assigned address of 123 Admiral Trost Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow more square feet of signage and allow more signs than the City's Sign Code allows for an establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

8. Building Material Variance For Wallis Companies - Lot 12 of Admiral Trost Development

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board and approve the request by Wallis Companies to use tinted stucco/EFIS material, exposed steel on the main building, pay station, and vacuum sights, aluminum/louver, galvanized steel accent, fasteners (stainless steel or galvanized), 8 mm shade

material over the pay station, canvas over the vacuum stations, and accent tile for the new car wash to be constructed at 123 Admiral Trost Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

**F. Community & Economic Development**

**1. Monroe County Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting of the Monroe County Economic Development Council were presented to the Council.

**2. Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting of the Columbia Tourism Advisory Committee were presented to the Council.

**3. Gateway Connector Corridor Protection Public Hearing – December 10, 2014 – The Falls**

Notification of a public hearing for the Gateway Connector Corridor Protection was distributed to the Council.

**4. Safe Routes National Center for Safe Routes to School**

Mr. Ellis informed the Council the City will receive \$158,949.00 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to add sidewalks, curb, and gutter along the existing street and also create a new trail to link Main Street and the Columbia Middle School to allow safe travel for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**G. City Engineer**

**1. Monthly Report**

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

**2. Ordinance No. 3143 - Employ All Inclusive Rec, LLC**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3143, an ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ All Inclusive Rec, LLC of Farmington, Missouri to perform the installation and construction of the Metter Park Playground Shade Structure in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

3. Acceptance of Proposal - Camera System for Public Works Facilities

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the proposal for installation and maintenance of a camera system for the Public Works facilities in the amount of sixty-six thousand, seven hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$66,783.60) as submitted by Visionable Surveillance Solutions of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

H. City Attorney

There was no report by the City Attorney.

I. 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 November 13, 2014 in the amount of three hundred eighty-seven thousand, four hundred six dollars, and seventy-seven cents (\$387,406.77).

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

J. Administrative Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Resolution No.10-2014 - Settlement Agreement with AFL-CIO

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Resolution No. 10-2014, a resolution approving a settlement agreement with the AFL-CIO.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

K. Mayor

1. Ordinance No. 3144 - Appointment of Boards and Commissions

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3144, an ordinance to provide for the appointment of members of certain Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year of the City commencing November 17, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

2. Ordinance No. 3145 - IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3145, an ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Motion:

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

Voice vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 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**

The Regular Session minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds & Interest Committee meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds & Interest Committee meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

2. Tax Levy Ordinance

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee and authorize the preparation of an ordinance setting the City's real estate tax levy for its various funds for the current fiscal year ending April 30, 2015 in the aggregate amount of \$2,136,000.00.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

B. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA & Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes

The Regular Session minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA & Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA & Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |              |
|----------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea          |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea          |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea          |
|          |     |          | Holtkamp Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

2. IMLRMA Ordinance

No action was required since the Council had already taken action on this ordinance.

C. Committee of the Whole

1. Executive Session Minutes

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea |
|          |     | Holtkamp | Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

2. Regular Session Minutes

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, November 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea |
|          |     | Holtkamp | Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

3. Intergovernmental Agreement

No action was required since the agreement is already being addressed by the City Attorney.

4. Playground Shade Structure Ordinance

No action was required since the Council had already taken action on this ordinance.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, November 24, 2014**

7:00 P.M. - Water and Sewer

7:10 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

**IX. Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to the resignation of the City Engineer.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:46 P.M. to discuss personnel issues related to the resignation of the City Engineer.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea |
|          |     | Holtkamp | Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:10 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea |
|          |     | Holtkamp | Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

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

**X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session**

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

**XI. Adjournment**

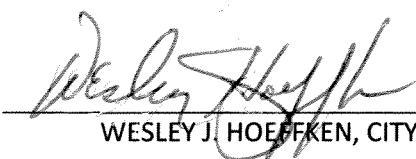
**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 8:11 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

|          |     |          |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Agne     | Yea | Niemietz | Yea |
| Roessler | Yea | Huch     | Yea |
| Mathews  | Yea | Reis     | Yea |
|          |     | Holtkamp | Yea |

Motion Passed 7 to 0.



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR PRO TEM GENE EBERSOHL