

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

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

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer	City Engineer Chris Smith
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Plan Commissioner Virgil Mueller
Director of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

There were no delegations present.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 16, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 16, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, November 23, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Virgil Mueller.

B. Building and Zoning

There was no monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department.

C. Community and Economic Development

The monthly report of Community and Economic Development was presented by Mr. Paul Ellis.

1. Special Event Request - Relay for Life of Monroe County

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Hutch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Relay for Life of Monroe County, scheduled to be held on May 14, 2016, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

D. City Engineer / Public Works

The monthly report of the City Engineer and Public Works Department was presented by Mr. Chris Smith.

1. Reject Bids for Oak Street Building Renovations

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and reject the bids received for the Oak Street Building Renovations project since the bids exceed the amount budgeted for the project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Agreement to Employ Heneghan and Associates, P.C. Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement to employ Heneghan and Associates, P.C. of Columbia, Illinois to perform professional services associated with the replacement of water lines along Riebeling Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Alderman Niemietz inquired if any of the deferred Old Town Project work could be addressed when this project was being addressed. Mr. Morani stated he will work with Mr. Smith on researching the Old Town Project and determine if any of the deferred items could be addressed when this project commences.

3. Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the low bid of \$45,790.00 submitted by SAK Construction, LLC of O'Fallon, Missouri for the Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the low bid of \$19,700.00 submitted by Spectra Tech of Noblesville, Indiana for the Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Storage Building Foundation for Police Range Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the low bid of \$15,205.00 submitted by Fitzgibbons Contracting Company, Inc., of Waterloo, Illinois for the Storage Building Foundation for Police Range Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 3, 2015 in the amount of two hundred fifty-five thousand, eight hundred fifty-nine dollars and three cents (\$255,859.03). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through October 31, 2015 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney reported that as part of his review for Ordinance 3221, he had to basically rewrite that section of the code due to duplicative sections that were included in a previous amendment to that section of the Municipal Code.

G. Administration

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

1. Ordinance No. 3221 - Amend Chapter 3.24 of the Columbia Municipal Code

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3221, an ordinance amending Chapter 3.24 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code regarding Municipal Utility Tax. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3222 - Amend and Renew the Current Non-Exclusive Cable Service Franchise of Charter Communications

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve Ordinance No. 3222, an ordinance agreeing to amend and renew the current non-exclusive Cable Service Franchise of Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC d/b/a Charter Communications, in the City of Columbia, Illinois until September 30, 2016. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

H. Mayor

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

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

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

There were no Standing Committee reports.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, December 14, 2015

Committee of the Whole

Municipal Buildings, Property, and Capital Improvements

Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

Refuse Collection and Recycling

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:56 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

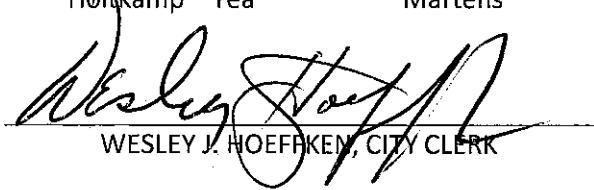
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:57 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON