

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 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 were:

Ebersohl	Present	Huch	Absent
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 Attorney J.D. Brandmeyer
City Engineer Chris Smith
Acting Chief of Police Jerry Paul
Head Librarian Britta Krabill

City Administrator James Morani
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Plan Commissioner Bill Seibel

1. Ordinance No. 3260 - Amend Municipal Sign Code

Mayor Hutchinson stated that Alderman Huch has requested that Ordinance No 3260 be tabled until the next meeting of the City Council.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to table Ordinance No. 3260, an ordinance amending Section 15.44.190 of the City of Columbia Municipal Sign Code to incorporate electronic message boards as a permitted use in a Commercial and Industrial District. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. Proclamation of the 125th Anniversary of Freiwillige Feuerwehr Gedern

Mayor Hutchinson read the Proclamation of the 125th Anniversary of Freiwillige Feuerwehr Gedern. Ms. Ingrid Soraghan read the proclamation in German. The Columbia Fire Protection District presented a plaque they will be taking to Gedern, Germany.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 2, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 2016 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Aldermen Ebersohl and Martens abstained because they were not present for the meeting.

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 2016 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Aldermen Ebersohl and Martens abstained because they were not present for the meeting.

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The report of the Library was presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

The reports of the Police and the Communications Departments were presented to the Council.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

D. Plan Commission

Plan Commissioner Bill Seibel was in attendance as the City Council reporter.

E. Building and Zoning

The report of the Building Department was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3261 - Final Subdivision Plat - Fox Run Estates Phase II

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve Ordinance No. 3261, an ordinance for conditional approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Fox Run Estates Phase II Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

F. Community and Economic Development

The report of Community and Economic Development was presented to the Council.

G. City Engineer/Public Works

The report of the City Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 01-2016 - Support IDOT ITEP Grant - Bolm-Schuhkraft Trail

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Resolution No. 01-2016, a resolution supporting the City of Columbia applying to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for developing and constructing the Bolm-Schuhkraft Connector Trail Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Resolution No. 02-2016 - Support IDOT ITEP Grant - Main Street Enhancement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 02-2016, a resolution supporting the City of Columbia applying to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for developing and constructing Phase II of the Main Street Enhancement Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Pavement Marking Bids

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and reject the low bid of \$15,959.70 submitted by Varsity Striping and Construction Company for pavement striping because of insufficient funds in the current budget. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Seasonal Laborer - Joseph Bollasina

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Joseph Bollasina as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon satisfying the pre-employment screening. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

5. Seasonal Laborer - Nicholas Fiore

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Nicholas Fiore as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon satisfying the pre-employment screening. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

6. Seasonal Laborer - Luke Franke

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Luke Franke as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon satisfying the pre-employment screening. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

7. Seasonal Laborer - Andrew Huebner

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Andrew Huebner as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon satisfying the pre-employment screening. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

H. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 12, 2016 in the amount of three hundred eighty-eight thousand, five hundred fifty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$388,558.85).

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

J. Administration

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council.

1. Employee Health Insurance Renewal - MRCT Presentation

Holley Maher and Pete Shemetulskis of MRTC presented a summary of the City's current insurance plan. Ms. Maher stated there is a 14% increase in last year's plan because submitted claims are trending above the national average. Mr. Morani stated part of this is due to switching plans in the middle of the year resulting in only six (6) months of claim data. Mr. Morani then explained the current plan with BCBS of Illinois had a separate out of pocket maximum for prescriptions and as a result, the City will look into offering an HRA in the next plan year. Mr. Morani then explained that MRTC has offered to meet with employees to help manage and educate prescription claims. Ms. Maher recommended the City renew the plan as is and suggested quarterly visits by MRTC, along with initiating some employee training programs to assist with health education.

2. Employ Emily Fultz as Director of Community Development

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of the City Administrator and employ Emily Fultz as the Director of Community Development, with two (2) weeks of vacation in the first year of employment and three (3) weeks of vacation in the second and subsequent years of employment, contingent upon satisfying the pre-employment screening. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Ordinance No. 3262 - Amend Municipal Code - Building Official

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No. 3262, an ordinance amending Section 2.50 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code regarding the City Building Official. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

K. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

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 Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, May 23, 2016

7:00 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(1). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:01 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

1. Resolution No. 03-2016 - Separation Agreement and Release - Joseph A. Edwards

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Resolution No. 03-2016, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Separation Agreement and Release with Joseph A. Edwards. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3263 - Fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3263, an ordinance to fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Ordinance No. 3264 - Establish Salary/Remuneration of Full-Time Officers and Employees

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3264, an ordinance to establish the Salary/Remuneration of Full-Time Appointed City Officers and Employees for fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

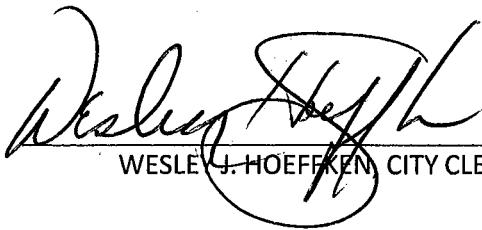
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 16, 2016 at 8:04 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON