

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF
CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:09 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Alderman Agne.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to receive an update on and discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages.

Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages

Chairman Ebersohl called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik updated the Committee Members on the progress made at the January 23rd negotiating session attended by AFSCME/EMS representatives Ed LaPorte and Darin Hartman and city representatives Weisman, Edwards, Bound and Hudzik – he stated that tentative agreement had been reached on the language of several ARTICLES (of the initial Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)), and that discussions would continue on the proposed language of the other CBA ARTICLES. Hudzik also reviewed the responses given to the AFSCME/EMS representatives by city representatives pertaining to the fringe benefits offerings (as discussed at the January 21st City Council Meeting Executive Session) – he also informed the Committee Members that the next negotiating session has been scheduled for February 12th, and that he will keep the members updated as negotiations continue and counter-proposals are received on the fringe benefits/wages issues.

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Reis to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, January 27, 2014 at 8:29 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. MOTION CARRIED.

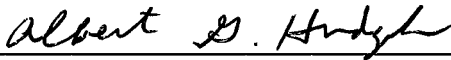


GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes Taken By:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant



ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator