

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 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 9:10 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

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

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl stated the Executive Session was called to discuss (i) the purchase or lease of real property for use by the city; and (ii) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Discussion on the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for use by the City

Chairman Ebersohl called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik reviewed the "Proposal" letter received from Knute Metz of Upchurch Ready Mix (received by e-mail on July 11th and previously distributed to the Committee Members) pertaining to the Upchurch properties located at 299 E. Legion Street (see June 23, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting Executive Session minutes). The proposal (received from Upchurch) offered their real estate parcels to the city for \$1,200,000 on an installment basis (with \$600,000 due September 1, 2014 and \$600,000 due December 1, 2015). After a general discussion concerning the Upchurch parcels, including statutory requirements for municipalities to purchase real estate on an installment basis, it was the consensus of the Committee Members that city staff be authorized to have the parcels appraised to assist in determining the city's interest in purchasing the Upchurch properties.

**Discussion on the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline,
Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body**

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:40 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes Taken By:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

Albert G. Hudzik

ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator