

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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**I. Call To Order**

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

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

Mayor Hutchinson was also absent.

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

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken  
City Attorney Terry Bruckert  
City Engineer Chris Smith  
Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey

City Administrator James Morani  
Chief of Police Jerry Paul  
Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon  
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

**A. Mayor Pro Tem**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to appoint Alderman Niemietz as Mayor Pro Tem until August 9, 2018. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**II. Delegation/Public Comments**

**A. Play Foundation Donation**

Mr. Joe Sander, a member of the Play Foundation, presented an overview of the GM&O Heritage Trail and the intent to restore historically correct mileage and whistle post signs. Mr. Sander explained there were mileage signs for 630, 631, and 632, along with several whistle signs. Mr. Sander then explained that the railroad also had two cast iron signs that identified the city limits. Mr. Sander added that after contacting the Oerter Foundation, they agreed to

tender a donation in the amount of \$5,925.00 to be used for the purchase of two new city limits signs in the image of the original signs.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the donation of \$5,925.00 from the Oerter Foundation to restore historically correct signage for the GM&O Heritage Trail. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 16, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 16, 2018 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 16, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 16, 2018 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

##### **A. Community Development**

The report of the Community Development Department was presented to the Council.

###### **1. Ordinance No. 3419 – Land Transfer - Kish**

###### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3419, an Ordinance to Approve a Plat of Survey and Authorize the Land Transfer of Part of Tax Lots 20, 22, and 23 in Section 15 Township 1 South, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Columbia, Illinois by Real Estate Exchange. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

###### **2. Ordinance No. 3420 – Land Transfer - Kish**

###### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3420, an Ordinance to Approve a Plat of Survey and Authorize the Land Transfer of Part of Tax Lot 20 in Section 15 Township 1 South, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Columbia, Illinois by Real Estate Exchange. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

###### **3. Ordinance No. 3421 – Sign Variance for Re/Max Results Realty**

###### **Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3421, an Ordinance to Grant a Sign Variance to Re/Max Results Realty for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-21-133-008-000 Located in the City

of Columbia, Illinois to Exceed the Total Number of Signs Permitted to be Displayed in a Commercially Zoned District in the City. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Ordinance No. 3422 – Tourism Advisory Committee Appointment - Susan Kropp

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3422, an Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of a Replacement Member to the Tourism Advisory Committee for the City of Columbia, Illinois (Susan Kropp replacing Rich Lauck). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Special Event – Arts and Artisans on Main

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Arts and Artisans on Main as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

6. Special Event – Bernhard Autoworks / Kiwanis Club Car Show

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Bernhard Autoworks / Kiwanis Club Car Show as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

7. Special Event – Columbia Days Festival and Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Columbia Days Festival and Parade as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

8. Special Event – Fire Department Muster

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Fire Department Muster as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

9. Special Event – Columbia Blue Jay Football Meat Shoot

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Columbia Blue Jay Football Meat Shoot as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

10. Special Event – Whiteside Station Memorial Marking Dedication Ceremony

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Whiteside Station Memorial Marking Dedication Ceremony as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

B. Police and Communications

The report of the Police and Communications Department was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 2018-09 – Intergovernmental Agreement - Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 2018-09, a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Columbia Community Unit School District No. 4, Monroe County, Illinois; Columbia Police Department, Columbia, Illinois; Valmeyer Community Unit School District No. 3, Monroe County, Illinois; Valmeyer Police Department, Valmeyer, Illinois; Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5, Monroe County, Illinois; Waterloo Police Department, Waterloo, Illinois; Monroe County State's Attorney, Monroe County, Illinois; and Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County, Illinois; Regarding the Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

C. City Engineer/Public Works

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

1. Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Horner & Shifrin – Ghent Road Water Main Replacement Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz to sign the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Horner & Shifrin for Additional Professional Engineering Services for the Ghent Road Water Main Replacement Project. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Horner & Shifrin – Wecker Pump Station Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz to sign the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Horner & Shifrin for Additional Professional Engineering Services for the Wecker Pump Station Replacement project. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**D. Finance**

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 August 2, 2018 in the amount of two hundred ninety-two thousand, nine hundred sixty-nine dollars, and forty-five cents (\$292,969.45). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

G. City Administrator

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

1. Resolution No. 2018-10 – Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbia Fire Protection District

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Resolution No. 2018-10, a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbia Fire Protection District. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

H. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

**V. Old Business**

**A. Granting of Variances**

There was a discussion by the Council regarding the review and issuance of variances. Mr. Bruckert explained that while variance requests might appear to be similar, each one has unique characteristics. Mr. Bruckert also stated that precedent is not an issue when it comes to a variance. Alderman Roessler inquired if the Council must review a variance request solely on the hardship listed on the variance request. Mr. Morani stated that each variance should be reviewed independently to determine if it should be granted. Mr. Bruckert stated that it is the responsibility of the Council to determine the facts associated with each individual property, including the possibility of other unstated hardships. Mr. Bruckert then stated that a variance should be requested as an exception to the rule. Alderman Reis expressed concern about some of the forms used by the City and the questions included on them. Mr. Hoeffken explained many of the forms are quite old and should be reviewed and updated. Mr. Morani stated that Mr. Dunakey would be reviewing the various forms and updating them accordingly.

**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 - August 13, 2018**

Committee of the Whole

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

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor Pro Tem to go into Executive Session at 8:24 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 9:01 P.M. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

**Roll Call vote results:**

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

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

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion:

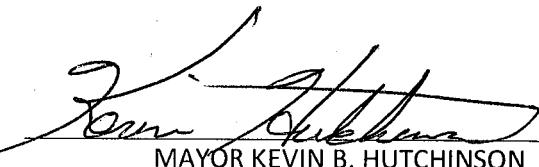
It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, August 6, 2018 at 9:02 P.M. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

**Roll Call vote results:**

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



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON