

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Conrad called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch. Alderman Row arrived at 7:08 PM.

Absent: Mayor Hutchinson.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Building Inspector Al Holden, Consulting Engineer Larry Kremmel, Fire Marshall Mike Roediger, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 17, 2006 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 17, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, and Koesterer voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Huch abstained since they were not present at the meeting. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Community and Economic Development

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

Alderman Row arrived at 7:08 PM.

1. Ordinance No. 2482 - Repeal Ordinance #2437

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2482, an ordinance repealing City Of Columbia, Illinois Ordinance No. 2437. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Alderman Row abstained since he has just arrived at the meeting. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2483 - Columbia Heritage and Preservation

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2483, an ordinance providing for Preservation of Historic Sites in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2484 - Amend Ordinance No. 2461

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2484, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2461 which provides for the appointment of members of Certain Boards and Commissions of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Director of Community and Economic Development as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the report of the Plan Commission as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Zoning Administrator was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Zoning Administrator as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Fire Department

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to accept the report of the Fire Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. City Engineer and DOPW

1. Horner & Shifrin Contract & Cherry Street Temporary Improvements

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Horner & Shifrin to perform engineering services for the Cherry Street Project and to direct the Department of Public Works to proceed with the oiling and chipping of Cherry Street as a temporary fix over the winter. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Oates Associates Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Oates Associates Consulting Engineers to perform engineering services for the Rueck Road Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. 2006 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Program Bids

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the low bid of \$6,670.76 submitted by Verlan Funk for Item 3, and the low bid of \$9,992.40 submitted by Beelman Trucking for Item 4, and the low bid of \$1,695.00 submitted by Columbia Quarry Co. for Item 5, and the low bid of \$1,210.00 submitted by Columbia Quarry Co. for Item 6, and the low bid of \$17,307.00 submitted by Swends Ready Mix for Group 7, and the low bid of \$5,550.00 submitted by Columbia Quarry Co. for Group 8, and the low bid of \$19,560.95 submitted by EJ Dougherty for Item 1, and the low bid of \$3,096.77 submitted by Wolfmeir for Item 2. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Wecker Pumping Station Generator

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to direct the City Engineer to advertise for bids for a back-up generator for the Wecker Pumping Station. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the City Engineer and the Department of Public Works as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. Administration Department

There was no Administration Department report.

G. City Attorney

1. Commercial State Bank

Mr. Adams explained that the request by Commercial State Bank to construct an ingress/egress onto Rueck Road would require a public hearing to amend the contract the City already has via a pre-annexation agreement with the original owners of the property, the Haegle's, which only allows an ingress/egress onto Quarry Road for the construction of a gas station. Mr. Weatherfield, President of Commercial State Bank stated that they are only interested in a right-turn egress. Mr. Weatherfield stated that they would install a monument sign that would satisfy City requirements.

a. Public Hearing - Amend Pre-Annexation Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to schedule a Public Hearing before the City Council to amend the Pre-annexation Agreement for property located at 200 Quarry Road to allow commercial State Bank to construct a right turn egress from the property onto Quarry Road. Upon Roll Call vote,

Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

b. Ordinance No. 2485 - Commercial State Bank Special Use Permit

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2485, an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for real estate having the assigned address of 200 Quarry Road, in the City of Columbia, Illinois for Waterloo Bancshares, Inc., doing business as Commercial State Bank of Waterloo, an Illinois Bank Corporation, to allow for construction of a Commercial State Bank of Waterloo Drive-in/Drive-thru building and facility in a C-2 (General Business Zoned District) in the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2486 - Alternative for Seniors Final Subdivision Plat

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2486, an ordinance conditionally approving the Minor Final Subdivision Plat for the Alternatives for Seniors, Inc. Subdivision, a four (4) lot subdivision comprised of one (1) building lot and three (3) outlots located on DD Road and New Bluff Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2487 - Parking at Library

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to pass Ordinance No. 2487, an ordinance regulating the parking at the Columbia, Illinois Public Library located at 106 Metter Avenue and to make certain other changes to Parking Regulations in Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the City's Municipal Code. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2488 - Waterline Easements

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Ordinance No. 2488, an ordinance approving deeds for waterline easements from (1) Mack W. Jones and Catherine G. Jones, 310 West Fifth Street; (2) Benjamin C. Busby as the Trustee of the Benjamin C. Busby Trust, 4060 Mississippi Avenue; (3) Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 116 Church Street; and (4) The Village of Cahokia with City Hall at 103 Main Street, all located in the Village of Cahokia, Illinois and to authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver the same for and on behalf of the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

5. Ordinance No. 2489 - Walden and Associates Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Ordinance No. 2489, an ordinance authorizing the employment of

Walden Associated Technologies, Inc. of Glen Carbon, Illinois to install linings in thirteen (13) sanitary sewer manholes in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Conrad inquired if there was a need to go into Executive Session. There was no call for Executive Session.

VI. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 2, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred eleven thousand, three hundred four dollars, and ninety-nine cents (\$411,304.99). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Conrad explained that Alderman Niemietz has requested to be removed as Chairman of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee. Alderman Niemietz stated that being Chairman of this committee, along with Chairman of Personnel was requiring too much of her time. Mr. Traxler stated that this has been discussed with the Mayor and he would prefer Alderman Niemietz retain her position on the Personnel Committee because of all the personnel activities currently happening.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to replace Alderman Niemietz as Chairman and member of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee and appoint Alderman Unnerstall as Chairman of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee and add Alderman Row as a member of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee. Upon Roll Call vote, all Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall abstained. Motion Carried.

IX. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation & Streets, Sidewalks, and Drainage Minutes of the joint meeting of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee and the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, July 24, 2006 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. Lease Agreement Ordinance for Fort Piggott

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding the leasing of Fort Piggott Fort Site to the Columbia Historical Society. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Administrator.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee and the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, July 24, 2006 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee

Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, July 24, 2006 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Administrator.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Row, to approve the minutes of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, July 24, 2006 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

X. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, August 28, 2006

7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 7, 2006 at 9:52 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Conrad