

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch.

Absent: Aldermen Conrad and Agne.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, EMS Assistant Director Ken Buss, Engineering Consultant Ken Vaughn, 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, February 6, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 6, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

**III. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations present.

**IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

A. Police Department

The report of the Chief of Police was presented to the Council

MOTION:

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

B. Columbia Emergency Medical Service

The monthly report of the Director of the Columbia Emergency Medical Service was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

1. New Hire Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the part-time employment of Dan Burgess as an EMT-P, Kristen Sunderman as an EMT-B, and Andrew Callis as an EMT-B. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Administration Department

1. Sale of Property - Behind 577 Michelle Drive

Mr. Traxler informed the Council that the information regarding the sale of City property behind 577 Michelle Drive is for informational purposes only and will be discussed at a later date. Alderman Niemietz stated that Mr. Vaughn needs to review the request in order to identify if it would have any impact on the park area.

MOTION:

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

D. Plan Commission

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

MOTION:

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

E. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2444 - Approve No Name Minor Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2444, an ordinance conditionally approving the Minor Subdivision Plat for a two (2) lot, No Name Subdivision on Ghent Road to create a floodplain storage lot to be sold to Waterloo Bancshares, Inc. D/B/A Commercial State Bank of Waterloo in order for said bank to construct a branch bank building and facility to be located on a building lot on Quarry Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2445 - Performance and Indemnity Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2445, an ordinance accepting a Performance and Indemnity Agreement between Waterloo Bancshares, Inc. D/B/A Commercial State Bank of Waterloo and the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2446 - Columbia Civic Progress Committee

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2446, an ordinance creating the Columbia Civic

Progress Committee and to define the rights, powers, and duties thereof. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2447 - Employ HNTB Corporation

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2447, an ordinance employing HNTB Corporation (HNTB) of St. Louis, Missouri to render professional design consultation services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Columbia Crossings Development Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, 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.

F. City Engineer

The monthly report of the Engineering Consultant was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 15-2005 - IDOT Utility Permit Application

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to pass Resolution No. 15-2005, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an IDOT Utility Permit Application. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Advertise for Bids - St. Elizabeth Hospital Frontage Road

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the Consulting Engineer to advertise for bids for the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Frontage Road Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2448 - Employ Hoelscher Engineering

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2448, an ordinance employing Hoelscher Engineering to render preliminary engineering services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Creekside Park and Lake Concept Plan Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. January, 2005 Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

**VI. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS**

A. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing December 26, 2005 and ending January 25, 2006 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing December 26, 2005 and ending January 25, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 17, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred fifty-two thousand, one hundred eighty-five dollars, and three cents (\$152,185.03). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Transfer of Funds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the recommendation of the City Auditor and direct the City Treasurer to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Water and Sewer fund to the Water and Sewer Sinking fund. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Letter to Immaculate Conception Church

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that Alderman Conrad would like Council approval to forward the letter he has penned to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church regarding annexation and city services for their proposed new church.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize Alderman Conrad to forward his proposed letter regarding City services and annexation requirements for the proposed new location for the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

**IX. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee

The Minutes of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, January 23, 2006 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Administrator.

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

B. Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee

The Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, January 23, 2006 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Administrator.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest committee meeting held Monday, January 23, 2006 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall abstained since he was not present for the meeting. Motion Carried.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:50 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:50 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

A. Employment of Leslie Stavely

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to terminate the employment of Leslie Stavely effective February 20, 2006 subject to reconsideration of termination upon review and recommendations from the City Attorney Tom Adams and Labor Attorney Mark Weismann. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

**XI. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Monday, February 27, 2006

7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole  
7:05 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning  
7:10 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation  
7:15 PM - Personnel

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Row, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 20, 2006 at 8:58 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

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Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

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Mayor Kevin Hutchinson