

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:01 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Huch. Alderman Koesterer arrived at 7:06 PM.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, Engineering Consultant Ken Vaughn, and City Treasurer Bob Naumann.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 1, 2006 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 1, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, and Huch voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall abstained since he was not present for the Executive Session. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 1, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

Alderman Koesterer arrived at 7:06 PM.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 1, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Alderman Row voted nay. Alderman Unnerstall abstained since he was not present for the meeting. 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 Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the Chief of Police as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Ambulance Director

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

1. Employment of Jeffrey L. Scott and Tammy S. Weber

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Ambulance Director and employ Jeffrey L. Scott as a part-time EMT-P and Tammy S. Weber as an EMT, contingent upon a background check and medical examination for each candidate. 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 Ambulance Director as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Fire Department

The report of the Fire Marshall was presented to the Council

MOTION:

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

D. Administration Department

Mr. Traxler informed the Council that there was an adjustment made to the salary of Andrew Wilson as a result of his employment agreement.

MOTION:

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

E. Plan Commission

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

MOTION:

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

F. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2468 - First National Bank of Waterloo Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2468, an ordinance granting a Zoning Code Variance to Columbia Center, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, as property owner for the use and benefit of First National Bank of Waterloo, a National Bank Corporation, as the tenant, to relieve of the obligation created by Section 17.28.070 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code which requires that the exterior walls of buildings and structures located in a C-2 (General Business Zoned District) in the City be constructed of brick, brick veneer, natural stone, marble, granite, or glass to allow First National Bank of

Waterloo to construct and install a pre-engineered steel building for an ATM Facility to be located at 1031 Valmeyer Road in the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Aldermen Conrad and Agne voted nay. Motion Carried.

2. Cooperative Agreement - Dupo and Sugarloaf Township

Mr. Adams informed the Council that both Sugarloaf Township and the Village of Dupo have approved the FPA Cooperative Agreement.

G. City Engineer

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

1. Part-time Summer Employees

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to accept the recommendation of the Engineering Consultant and employ Matthew Stephens, Nate Varel, and a third employee to be selected later as part-time summer DOPW employees. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing March 26, 2006 and ending April 25, 2006 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

B. Statement of Funds

The monthly report of the City Auditor was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Statement of Funds as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 12, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred ninety-seven thousand, two hundred eighty-nine dollars, and eight cents (\$197,289.08). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Solicitation of Businesses

There was a discussion by the Council regarding solicitation of businesses. It was agreed to refer this issue to the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Columbia Library - Car Show Road Closure

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the request of the City of Columbia Library to close North Metter in front of the Library for the car show to be held June 2, 2006 as requested and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Columbia High School - Benefit 5K Run/Walk

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the request of the Columbia High School to approve the route for the Ashley Reeves 5K Benefit Run/Walk to be held June 23, 2006 as requested and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee reports.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, May 22, 2006

7:00 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:20 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation. 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 Niemietz, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:26 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, 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. There was none.

A. City Attorney

MOTION:

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 15, 2006 at 8:27 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson