

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 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:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Unnerstall</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Anthony Traxler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 2008, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Unnerstall    Second: Agne    Vote: Roll Call

<b>Ebersohl</b>	Yea	<b>Unnerstall</b>	Yea	<b>Oberkfell</b>	Yea
<b>Agne</b>	Yea	<b>Row</b>	Yea	<b>Stumpf</b>	Yea
<b>Niemietz</b>	Yea	<b>Hejna</b>	Yea		

Motion Carried    8 To 0

**III. DELEGATIONS**

**A. German Heritage Week Proclamation**

Mayor Hutchinson presented a proclamation declaring the week of June 8, 2008 as German Heritage Week to the Columbia Sister City Committee.

**IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**A. Fire Department**

The monthly report of the Fire Department was presented to the Council.

**B. City Engineer**

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

1.    **Resolution No. 01-2008 - MFT Street Maintenance**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 01-2008, a resolution approving Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 9 To 0

2. Duke Root Control

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the low bid of \$3,399.42 submitted by Duke Root Control Company for treatment of 2,138 feet of sanitary sewers within the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Row Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Ordinance No. 2655 - Employ TWM

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2655, an ordinance employing Thouvenot, Wade, and Moerchen, Inc. of Swansea, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the installation of a sidewalk along Temple Street.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 9 To 0

4. Diverse Construction Group

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve payment of \$904.92, which represents 50% of the additional compensation requested by Diverse Construction Group for the additional expense for traffic control services for construction of the Valmeyer Sidewalk Project.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Railroad Right-Of-Way Trail

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and use bollards to restrict vehicular traffic on the railroad right-of-way trail at Rueck Road and Locust Street.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

6. Part-time Summer Help

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and employ Colin Vogt and Adam Henke as part-time summer help for the Department of Public Works.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council.

D. Community and Economic Development

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

E. Plan Commission

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

F. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2656 - Columbia Lakes II Phase 4

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2656, an ordinance vacating a bubble cul-de-sac right-of-way, a municipal street right-of-way in the Columbia Lakes II, Phase 4 subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 9 To 0

2. Ordinance - Columbia Lakes III Phase 4 - Jennifer Court

Action on this ordinance was deferred until the IEPA report is received from the developer for review by the Council.

G. Administration Department

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

H. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Unnerstall Vote: Voice

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS**

**A. Vouchers**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 30, 2008; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred fifty-seven thousand, fifty-four dollars, and twenty-seven cents (\$157,054.27).

Moved by: Hejna Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**B. Report of Collections**

The Report of Collections for the period commencing February 26, 2008 and ending March 25, 2008 was presented to the Council.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing February 26, 2008 and ending March 25, 2008, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

The Report of Collections for the period commencing March 26, 2008 and ending April 25, 2008 was presented to the Council.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing March 26, 2008 and ending April 25, 2008, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance No. 2657 – Boards and Commissions Appointments**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2657, an ordinance providing for the appointment of members of certain Boards and Commissions of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009, without appointments for the Library Board.

Mayor Hutchinson stated boards and committee appointments are made by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. Mayor Hutchinson then stated he would be voting in favor of the motion, and would hope Alderman Unnerstall would afford him the same courtesy in the near future.

Moved by: Unnerstall    Second: Hejna    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall Yea	Oberkfell Yea
Agne Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Niemietz Yea	Hejna Yea	Hutchinson Yea

Motion Carried 9 To 0

Mayor Hutchinson then stated he would entertain a motion to approve an ordinance appointing members to the Library Board. There was no motion. Alderman Niemietz stated the Council had always respected the Mayor's position to appoint members to the various boards and commissions and does not understand the current position of the Council.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution Releasing Closed Session Minutes**

Alderman Unnerstall expressed concern about the March 17, 2008 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Hoeffken stated he would review the minutes with the City Attorney and Deputy Chief Paul.

**B. Medical and Prescription Drug Insurance Program**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the new monthly premium rate for Medical and Prescription Drug programs as purposed by the Steelworkers Health and Welfare Fund for the City of Columbia effective July 1, 2008.

Moved by: Unnerstall    Second: Hejna    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall Yea	Oberkfell Yea
Agne Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Niemietz Yea	Hejna Yea	

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Fire Department Committee**

Minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Agne    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall Yea	Oberkfell Yea
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Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee

Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Row    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee

Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

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

D. Fire Department Committee

Minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl    Second: Hejna    Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Monday, June 9, 2008

6:50 PM - Personnel

7:00 PM - Fire Department

7:10 PM - Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning

7:20 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities

7:30 PM - Water and Sewer

Monday, June 23, 2008

7:00 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, Columbia Crossing litigation, and personnel.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:06 PM for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, Columbia Crossing litigation, and personnel.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:20 PM.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Row      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf 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.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

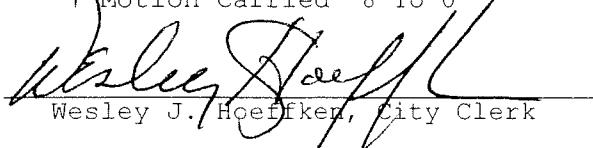
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 2, 2008 at 9:21 PM.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Unnerstall      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

  
Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

  
Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson