

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 19, 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, Koesterer, Row, and Huch.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul, EMS Assistant Director Ken Buss, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, Building Inspector Al Holden, Acting Consulting Engineer Larry Kremmel, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the first Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the first Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the second Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the second Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Columbia Kiwanis

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the request of the Columbia Kiwanis to hold their annual car show Saturday, September 2, 2006 on Main Street as requested, contingent upon coordinating the event with the Columbia Police Department and the Department of Public Works. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Row voted yea. Alderman Huch abstained since he is a member of the Kiwanis. Motion Carried.

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 Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, 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.

MOTION:

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

1. Jason Sitzes - Part-time Paramedic

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Ambulance Director and employ Jason Sitzes as a part-time Paramedic contingent upon completion of a background check and medical physical. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2471 - Amend Salary Ordinance No. 2459

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2471, an ordinance amending the City of Columbia, Illinois Ordinance No. 2459, entitled "An Ordinance to Establish the Salary/Remuneration of Employees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007" to establish the salary of a Full-time Paramedic. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

- C. 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.

- D. Administration Department
There was no Administrative Report.

- E. City Attorney

1. Resolution No. 02-2006 - The Legends Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Resolution No. 02-2006, a resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for The Legends Subdivision in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe, and State of Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Resolution No. 03-2006 - Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Resolution No. 03-2006, a resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for the Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe, and State of Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2472 - Albert Shields Setback Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Ordinance No. 2472, an ordinance granting a Zoning Code Rear Yard Setback Variance to Albert Shields for his Homestead Real Estate having the assigned address of 603 Wellington Drive, Columbia, Illinois and located in an R-3 (One-Family Dwelling Zoned District) in the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2473 - Joy View Acres Subdivision

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2473, an ordinance conditionally approving the Final Subdivision Plat for the Joy View Acres Phase Two Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

5. Ordinance No. 2474 - Fire Safety Key Lock Box

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Ordinance No. 2474, an ordinance requiring a Key Lock Box Entry System to be installed and maintained on the exterior of certain

buildings or structures in the City of Columbia, Illinois for fire safety. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, 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 Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. City Clerk

1. Ordinance No. 2475 - Prevailing Wage

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2475, an ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen, and Mechanics employed on Public Works of the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. City Engineer

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

1. Larry Kremmel - Acting City Engineer

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to appoint Larry Kremmel as Acting City Engineer until a full-time City Engineer is employed. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Professional Services Agreement - Oates Associates, Inc.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Oates Associates, Inc. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Professional Services Agreement Work Orders

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to authorize the Mayor to approve the individual work orders for the Professional Services Agreement for Oates Associates, Inc. and Horner & Shifrin, Inc., based on staff recommendations for the various work orders. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Professional Services Agreement - Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Horner & Shifrin, Inc. 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 Niemietz, to accept the report of the City Consulting Engineer as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. 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 Conrad, 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.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:12 PM for the purpose of discussing real estate acquisition and personnel. 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 the Regular Session of the City Council at 8:50 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.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

VII. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing April 26, 2006 and ending May 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 April 26, 2006 and ending May 25, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Annual Report of Collections

The Annual Report of Collections for the period commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the Annual Report of Collections for the period commencing May 1,

2005 and ending April 30, 2006, 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 Koesterer, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 16, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred forty-eight thousand, five hundred fifty-two dollars, and seventy-four cents (\$148,552.74). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Christ Community Church - Street Graphics Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Street Graphics Advisory Committee and grant a variance from Section 15.44.100 sign area allowance of the City Municipal Code to Christ Community Church as requested. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Engineer

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to proceed with the process to employ a traffic engineer to perform services to define the requirements and formulas for initiating traffic impact assessments for future subdivisions. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

X. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee reports were not available for the meeting.

XI. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No Committee Meetings were scheduled.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 19, 2006 at 9:11 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson