

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:09 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Unnerstall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 2008 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 2008, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 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, June 16, 2008, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. City Engineer

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

1. Guardrail Replacement - DD Road and Ramsey Road

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the request of Luhr Brothers, Inc. to replace the guardrail at the intersection of DD Road and Ramsey Road, with the expense being paid by Luhr Brothers, Inc., the work being performed according to the specifications of the City, and Luhr Brothers, Inc. providing a Certificate of Insured to the City.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Rueck Road Phase IV - Payment to Illinois Excavators

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the payment of \$8,639.00 to Illinois Excavators, Inc. for the construction of a concrete, versus asphalt, parking lot for the property located at Rueck Road and Industrial Drive, with payment being reimbursed by the property owner.

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Ordinance No. 2665 - Sanitary Sewer Linings

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2665, an ordinance authorizing an agreement to employ Walden Associated Technologies, Inc. of Glen Carbon, Illinois to install cured in-place linings in five (5) sanitary sewer locations in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Ordinance No. 2666 - Old Town Project Easements

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2666, an ordinance approving Municipal Storm Sewer Easement Deeds from: Michael & Patricia Licavoli, Upchurch Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Gary May, Brian & Jennifer Kremmel, Danny & Sharon Moergen, Christopher & Angela Loethen, Deborah Williamson, Paul

Schlemmer & Laurie Cousin, Mark Juelfs, Daniel Row, Jason Puckett, and Larry & Evelyn Lindhorst; Stormwater Drainage Easement Deeds from: Marvin & Pauline Greatting, Paul Schlemmer & Laurie Cousin, Mark Juelfs, and Dan Row; and Right of Way Deeds from: Robert & Jennifer Wibbenmeyer and Jeffrey & Virginia Devenport for the City of Columbia Old Town Renovation Project and to authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Attorney to record the same for and on behalf of the City.

Moved by: Unnerstall Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Community and Economic Development

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

C. Mayor

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

D. Plan Commission

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

E. Administration Department

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

1. Ordinance No. 2667 - Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2667, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2657 which provided 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.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Ordinance - Emergency Operation and Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Mr. Traxler indicated copies of the lengthy plan, which are confidential, are available at the Police Department if elected officials would like to review the plan. Alderman Hejna stated she would like to review the Monroe County Emergency Operation and Hazardous Mitigation Plan before approving the ordinance. Mayor Hutchinson reminded the Council it is required that all elected officials be certified under NIMS (National Incident Management System) and recommended they coordinate completing the class either through Mr. Traxler or Mr. Gene Henkler. Mr. Traxler urged the council to attend the required NIMS training and review the mitigation plan so Federal Grant monies would not be in jeopardy.

3. Ordinance No. 2668 - Sidewalk Replacement Program

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2668, an ordinance amending Section 12.04.160 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to add new sidewalk, curb, and/or driveway entrance construction in already

developed areas of the City of Columbia, Illinois as qualifying projects under the sidewalk replacement program.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Tort Tax Discussion

Mr. Traxler informed the Council the Tort Tax information is in the process of being assembled and may be available for the Finance Committee meeting.

5. Information Request

Mr. Traxler indicated this item was on the agenda to address repeated comments regarding the distribution of information and in direct response to the May 23, 2008 email from Alderman Oberkfell. Mr. Traxler then asked if there were any question or comments and said he could address any question now, or at another meeting.

Mr. Traxler also reminded the Council he is awaiting a list of questions for the various attorneys, who have agreed to discuss expenses with the Council at no charge to the City. Mr. Traxler stated this included Tom Adams, Mark Weisman, and Dan Vogel.

Mr. Traxler then stated the Library Report is near completion and may be presented in mid August, pending legal matters being resolved. Mr. Traxler added he spoke with the Library Chair and would come back to a future Library Board meeting to discuss.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Voice

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 3, 2008; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred eighty thousand, nine hundred ninety-five dollars, and seventy-three cents (\$380,995.73).

Moved by: Hejna Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Statement of Funds

The report of the Statement of Funds for the month of May 2008 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of the Statement of Funds for the month of May 2008.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

C. Cahokia Waterline Project - Fund Transfer

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the transfer of \$200,000.00 in funds from the Water and Sewer Lagoon Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund to cover the amount of insufficient funds to pay the invoice from Ehret, Inc for the Cahokia Waterline project, along with other projects.

Moved by: Row Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

D. Resolution No. 03-2008 - Transfer of Funds

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 03-2008, a resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the Library Fund of the City the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

Moved by: Unnerstall Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance - Library Board Appointment

Mayor Hutchinson stated he would entertain a motion amending Ordinance No. 2657 which provided 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 appointing Dan Brutton as a member of the Library Board. There was no motion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Columbia Daze Optimist 5K/10K Run

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request of the Columbia Optimist Club to hold their annual Columbia Daze Optimist 5K/10K Run on Saturday, August 16,

2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall, contingent upon coordinating the event with the Columbia Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Fire Department Committee

Minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2008 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, July 14, 2008

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

7:10 PM - Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning

7:20 PM - Joint Meeting

 Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest

 Fire Department

7:30 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was anything to be discussed in Executive Session. There was nothing.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

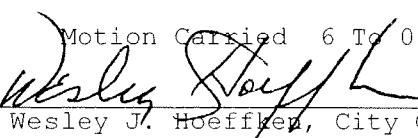
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 7, 2008 at 8:34 PM.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0


Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson