

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:16 PM.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<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 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 Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 15, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 15, 2008, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

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Moved by: Row Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

III. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Building and Zoning

1. Fence Building Permit - Wade Teeter Property

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Fence Building Permit Application and grant a variance for the construction of a historically significant ornamental iron fence in the front yard of property owned by Mr. Wade Teeter located at 718 N. Main Street.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Administration Department

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

Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:16 PM.

C. 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: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 31, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred forty-three thousand, three hundred fifty dollars, and eighty-eight cents (\$143,350.88).

Moved by: Hejna Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. "No Name" Street

Alderman Unnerstall asked that the "No Name" street issue be referred to the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee for a status and update as to when the road will be upgraded.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Personnel Committee

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, December 8, 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 Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, December 8, 2008 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, January 12, 2009

7:00 PM - Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation
7:30 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities
8:00 PM - Committee of the Whole
8:30 PM - Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch
9:00 PM - License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts

Monday, January 26, 2009

7:00 PM - Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the EEOC Age and Gender Discrimination Complaint filed against Mayor Hutchinson and City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, and an Ambulance Department personnel issue.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:34 PM for the purpose of discussing the EEOC Age and Gender Discrimination Complaint filed against Mayor Hutchinson and City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, and a Police Department personnel issue.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:06 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell 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. CEMS Personnel Issue

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct Mr. Hudzik and Chief Edwards to review the CEMS personnel issue discussed in Executive Session and confer with Mark Weisman to identify any disciplinary action, if required.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. EEOC Age and Gender Discrimination Complaint - Mediation

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct Mark Weisman to proceed with possible mediation for the EEOC Age and Gender Discrimination complaint.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

X. ADJOURNMENT

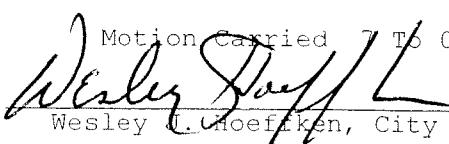
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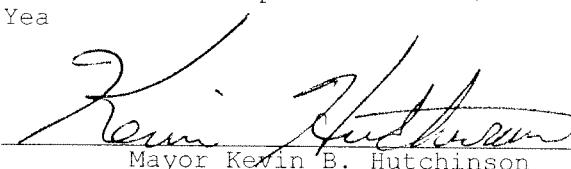
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 5, 2009 at 9:11 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0


Wesley J. Hoeftken, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson