

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 6, 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	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<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 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. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 15, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 15, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

III. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. City Engineer/Department of Public Works - Monthly Report

1. Ordinance Entering into Agreement for South Main/IL Route 3 CMAQ Project.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Ordinance No. 2729, An Ordinance to authorize a joint agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the improvement of South Main Street at its intersection with IL Route 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Bids for zero turn mower for Sewer Department.

It was moved and seconded to approve the bid from Hartmann Farm Supply for a Ferris model Zero Turn Mower for the Sewer Department at a cost of \$12,900.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Request to remove trees in cul-de-sac of March Court.

It was moved and seconded to approve the removal of two trees by the City in the cul-de-sac on March Court, contingent upon signatures of residents of March Court requesting such action.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Request not to be required to install sidewalk along Whiteside.

The Council considered a request from two residents to install a bump-up only curb along Whiteside Drive to connect with an adjoining bank parking lot. After considerable discussion involving Council members and the Mayor, the consensus of the Council was that, since requirements for curbs and gutters are already in place, no action needed to be taken regarding the request.

5. Project to eradicate honeysuckle from parks.

The Council considered a request from the Girl Scouts indicating they would like to pursue a project in the City parks to eradicate Honeysuckle vines. Council Members were generally in favor of the project but expressed concern regarding proper applications of chemicals. City Engineer Ron Williams indicated that he would gather further information regarding the project and would present such at a future meeting.

B. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2009

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council.

C. City Attorney

The City Attorney's report was presented to the Council. Much of the City Attorney's report coincided with the passing of Ordinance No. 2730.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2730, An Ordinance to allow Aeration Windmills for lake and pond aeration as an accessory permitted use in residential and agricultural zoned districts in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Row		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Absent	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0

D. Administration Department

The report of the Administration Department was presented to the Council.

1. Fund Transfer Resolutions

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 04-2009, 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).

Moved by: Row		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Absent	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-2009, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Stumpf		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Absent	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 06-2009, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Moved by: Row		Second: Stumpf		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Absent	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 07-2009, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Tax Increment Financing Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of twelve thousand two hundred eighteen dollars (\$12,218).

Moved by: Hejna	Second: Oberkfell	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Absent	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Surplus Property Sales Ordinance

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2731, An Ordinance to authorize the sale of surplus personal property of the City of Columbia, Illinois by public auction.

Moved by: Oberkfell	Second: Stumpf	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Absent	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson's report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Oberkfell	Second: Row	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Absent	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 2, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred eighty-five thousand, eight hundred seventy-one dollars, and ninety-nine cents (\$385,871.99).

Moved by: Roessler	Second: Ebersohl	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Absent	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Management Agency - amateur band radio repeater and antenna location request.

The Council entertained and discussed a request from Gene Henckler, Director of the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency, to install an amateur band repeater and antenna on Columbia's Cherry Street water reservoir.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Emergency Management Agency to work with Columbia City Engineer Ron Williams to install the requested equipment on the Cherry Street water reservoir.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

The minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to provide Director Ellis the leeway to negotiate a lease agreement with Traube Enterprises to be presented to the Council

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

- B. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

The minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

The minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to direct Administrator Hudzik to hire the labor attorney to help with the language to be included in the agreement with the Steelworkers Health Insurance Agreement.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

D. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 22, 2009

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council to add language to the City's memorial policy to include a \$50 memorial for deceased employees (check, with printed card, signed by City).

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 22, 2009

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, June 22, 2009 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JULY 13, 2009

7:00 PM - Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements
 7:10 PM - Committee of the Whole
 7:20 PM - License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contract
 7:30 PM - Personnel and Executive Session

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

1. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries.

2. Consideration of Employee Discipline

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:58 PM for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:48 PM.

Moved by: Row Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards to issue a letter of reprimand as discussed in executive session, pursuant to review by attorney Thomas Scott Stewart.

Moved by: Row Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 6, 2009 at 9:52 PM.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson