

**MINUTES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Fire Department Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne and Roessler.

Absent: Alderman Stumpf.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Niemietz, Hejna and Oberkfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Fire Chief Mike Roediger (left at the beginning of the meeting on a fire call) and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called to discuss (1) a proposed amendment to the city's Lock Box Ordinance; and (2) any other items to be considered or discussed.

II. LOCK BOX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Fire Chief Mike Roediger's suggested amendment of the language in the city's Lock Box Ordinance No. 2474 (page 2, second paragraph). City Administrator Al Hudzik questioned whether the suggested amendment was necessary due to the language in the second sentence of the paragraph containing the proposed revision. A discussion was then held in which all in attendance were given the opportunity to contribute, which discussion included reference to whether any national fire prevention standards existed concerning the requirement for lock boxes – it was the general consensus of those in attendance that the language in the ordinance already covered the suggested revision. Due to Fire Chief Mike Roediger's unexpected absence (due to a fire call), it was decided to table the topic for future discussion.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

Chairman Ebersohl then briefly touched upon other items including (i) the appointment of the Fire Chief; and (ii) the reporting/recording of paid fire call outs and their payment dates. A general discussion was then held including the question of whether or not a Fire District should be formed.

IV. RECESS

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Roessler to recess the Fire Department Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. RECONVENE

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Roessler to reconvene the Fire Department Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:55 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Fire Department Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:55 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

Sandra Garner

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY
HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Candace Hejna called the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:16 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Hejna and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Niemietz.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Oberkfell and Roessler.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Chief of Police Joe Edwards (arrived at 7:25 p.m.) and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: Dawn Brucker, Secretary/Treasurer of All Type Tree Service, Inc. (bidder), and Gary May, owner of May Trenching & Landscaping (bidder).

Chairman Hejna stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) the bids received for the Leaf Removal and Limb Pick Up contracts; and (2) any other items to be considered or discussed.

II. LEAF REMOVAL AND LIMB PICK-UP CONTRACTS DISCUSSION

Chairman Hejna opened the meeting by informing the Committee that two (2) bids had been received for each of the Leaf Removal and Limb Pick Up services advertised by the city – bids were received from All Type Tree Service, Inc. and May Trenching & Landscaping for each of said services – she then asked City Engineer Ron Williams to brief the Committee Members on the bids received. City Engineer Williams touched upon each of the bids submitted and requested more time to review the bids to verify that (i) the equipment to be used would be adequate in providing the services requested; and (ii) the successful company had the ability to provide the services in accordance with the city's time frame – he is familiar with the equipment and ability of All Type Tree Service, Inc., since that is the firm most recently providing these services to the city. During and after Ron's presentation, a general discussion was held in which all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, state their opinions and ask questions – both bidders contributed to the discussion, made comments and answered

questions posed to them. It was the consensus of the Committee to table this topic for two (2) weeks for City Engineer Williams to further review the bids and collect any additional information (from the bidders) he feels is appropriate to assist the Committee in selecting the successful bidder for each of these services.

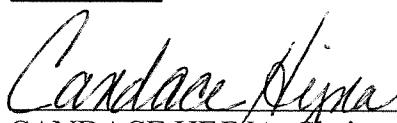
III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Aldermen Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 22, 2010, at 7:40 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Hejna and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Niemietz voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



CANDACE HEJNA, Chairman

REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:44 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Hejna (left at 8 p.m.), Oberfell, Roessler and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Aldermen Row and Stumpf.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) Illinois Senate Bill 2556 and House Bill 4988 pertaining to floodplain issues affecting the American Bottoms; (2) budget information; and (3) any other items to be considered or discussed.

**II. ILLINOIS SENATE BILL 2556 AND HOUSE BILL 4988 (FLOODPLAIN
DEFINITION LEGISLATION)**

Alderman Ebersohl called upon the Mayor, the City Engineer and the City Administrator to brief the Committee on this issue. City Administrator Hudzik reviewed his Memo and referenced/briefed the Committee on its attachments consisting of two (2) e-mails received from the Executive Director of the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors, a sample resolution in support of SB 2556 and HB 4988, the text of SB 2556 and the current legislative status of SB 2556 and HB 4988 – he advised the Committee that the sample resolution had been provided for the council's consideration, and recommended that some minor text changes be made prior to its passage in the event the council decides to show its support (for these bills) by adopting the resolution. Mayor Hutchinson then made a few comments pertaining to the Memo's attachments and Executive Order 2006-5, and City Engineer Williams briefed the Committee on the processes involved in decertifying/declassifying the levees and the roles played by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. A general discussion then took place in which all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, express their opinions and ask questions.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to recommend to the City Council the passage of a resolution in support of State of Illinois Senate Bill 2556 and House Bill 4988 pertaining to floodplain issues affecting the American Bottoms. Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Hejna, Oberkfell and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Alderman Hejna excused herself from the meeting.

III. BUDGET INFORMATION PRESENTATION

Chairman Ebersohl called upon City Administrator Hudzik to brief the Committee on the budget information. Hudzik distributed (i) a worksheet summarizing the city's Use Tax Receipts for the past three (3) fiscal years, as well as the current fiscal year (for the first nine (9) months); and (ii) consumer price index information (from the U.S. Dept. of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics) for the past ten (10) years (on a monthly basis) for the Midwest Urban area, as well as the U.S. city average; he then reviewed the five (5) documents previously distributed to the Committee consisting of worksheets entitled (1) Sales Tax Receipts Summary; (2) George Weber Chevrolet – 1% Sales Tax Payments by Month of Actual Sales; (3) Income Tax Receipts Summary; (4) Charter Franchise Receipts; and (5) Utility Tax Receipts. Hudzik also (a) reviewed the documents distributed at the beginning of the meeting and briefly described the source and distribution method of use taxes – the annual rate of inflation for 2009 as detailed on each of the consumer price index documents was slightly negative, but each of them showed the rate of inflation (year over year) increasing for the past several months; (b) reminded the Committee that a decision will have to be made on whether or not to increase city fees (and he reminded and Committee that trash pick-up fees were increased by \$.34/mo. in the most recently signed agreement); and (c) asked City Engineer Williams to brief the Committee on the recent increase in water purchase costs. City Engineer Williams then informed the Committee that the city recently received a tariff rate increase in the fees it pays to purchase water in excess of 8% -- he will recommend increases in the rates we charge our residents for water useage and sewage (rates based on water useage) in the future after he estimates projected water sales for the upcoming year. During the budget information presentation a general discussion was held in which all in attendance were able to make comments and ask questions.

Accounting Manager Sharp then distributed a Nine Month Budget Review Document (for the period ended 01-31-10) for the Committee's information/review – she then informed the Committee that she planned to review the information contained in the budget review document, and present written analysis documentation on some of the figures, at the Committee meeting on March 8, 2010.

IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

Chairman Ebersohl questioned City Engineer Williams concerning the street closed signs in the Old Town Project area and a brief discussion was held.

Police Chief and Ambulance Director Edwards then briefed the Committee on the United Healthcare insurance issue as it pertains to ambulance service provided by Columbia EMS.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:46 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Oberfell, and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary Ellen Niemietz called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:46 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl and Roessler.

Absent: Alderman Stumpf.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne and Oberfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Niemietz stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) the appointment of an additional volunteer police chaplain; and (2) any other items to be considered or discussed.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER POLICE CHAPLAIN

Chairman Niemietz called upon Police Chief Edwards to provide information pertaining to the appointment of an additional volunteer police chaplain. Chief Edwards explained to the Committee that J. Dawson Miller, Pastor of New Harmony Church, has actively pursued the position within the last few months by contacting him and sending a letter outlining his qualifications. Chief Edwards feels the appointment of an additional police chaplain would be beneficial and has provided Pastor Miller with a copy of the Police Department's Chaplain Policy; after reviewing the policy, Pastor Miller has agreed to provide any necessary information in order to facilitate a background check. A brief discussion and comments followed concerning the minimal monetary issues of adding an additional volunteer police chaplain.

MOTION

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to recommend to the City Council the appointment of J. Dawson Miller, Pastor of New Harmony

Church, as an additional volunteer police chaplain, contingent only upon his successful completion of a background check. Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl and Roessler voted yea. A straw poll was taken with Aldermen Agne and Oberfell voting yea. **MOTION CARRIED**.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:54 p.m. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Mary Ellen Niemietz
MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

Sandra Garmer
SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant