

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 John Long	<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 type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

The Council and citizens in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATION

A. Columbia High School Cheerleaders - Recognition for 2011 IHSA and ICCA State Championship Titles

Mayor Hutchinson and the Council welcomed and honored with Certificates of Achievement the Columbia High School Cheerleading squad that recently won its second consecutive IHSA and ICCA state championships.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2011

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 22, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 22, 2011, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - February 28, 2011

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011 were presented to the City Council by Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Heritage & Preservation Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011 were presented.
2. Play Commission Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011 were presented.
3. Resolution to Accept Findings and Recommendations of the Columbia, Illinois Plan Commission Contained in the Document: "Building Maturing, Livable Communities - Community Assessment: Columbia"

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2010, A Resolution to Accept Findings and Recommendations of the Columbia, Illinois Plan Commission Contained in the Document "Building Maturing, Livable Communities - Community Assessment: Columbia."

Eberschl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Resolution to Endorse the Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2010, A Resolution to Endorse the Illinois War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission and its efforts to Preserve Local Heritage and Promote Tourism.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Processing of Special Event Permits

Director Paul Ellis reported that he has received six permit applications.

6. Scheduling System for American Legion Fields

Mr. Ellis discussed ideas for a scheduling system for the American Legion Fields.

7. Mr. Ellis announced that an event would be scheduled for March 22nd for the unveiling of the signs recognizing the City's achievement of the Governor's Hometown Award.

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

City Engineer Ron Williams presented the Engineer's Report to the City Council.

1. Ordinance Entering into Agreement for Diehl Water Tank Interior Painting

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2849, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Trikote, LLC of St. Louis, Missouri to Perform the Diehl Water Tank Interior Painting Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Row Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Ordinance Entering into Agreement for Relocation of Water Services

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2850, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Noeth Excavating Systems, Inc. of Collinsville, Illinois to perform Water Line Replacements in Cahokia, Illinois for the City of Columbia, Illinois

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Ordinance Entering into Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of Palmer Road

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2851, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement Between Monroe County, Illinois, the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the Jurisdictional Transfer of Palmer Road from DD Road to Illinois Route 3 North Bound Entrance and Exit Ramps in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Ordinance Granting and Approving Permanent Easements for Main Street Streetscape

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2852, An Ordinance to Grant and Approve Permanent and Temporary Easement Deeds for the City of Columbia's Main Street Streetscape, Phase I Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute and the City to Record the Same.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea Row Yea Stumpf Yea

Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Ordinance Amending Exterior Wall Masonry Requirements

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2853, An Ordinance to Amend the Exterior Wall Masonry Coverage General Requirements for Single Family Dwelling Homes Located in all Residential Zoned Districts in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

6. City Engineer Williams updated the Council on the Kunz Street and Milton Street improvement projects.

7. From Item VII-B-3

Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Engineer Ron Williams prepare the necessary revisions to the City's Zoning Code to allow for maximum driveway or curb cut widths of (i) forty (40) feet for commercial businesses (with a minimum width to adequately provide for incoming and outgoing traffic); and (ii) thirty (30) feet for residential properties

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

D. City Attorney

The City Attorney report was presented by City Attorney John Long.

1. Ordinance Establishing Hiring Standards for Part-Time Police Officers
Item tabled.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 3, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred five thousand, two hundred eight dollars and seventy-four cents (\$205,208.74).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

The Administration Department Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

2. Charter Communications Settlement and Release Agreement Ordinance

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2854, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Settlement and Release Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, d/b/a Charter Communications.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 9 to 0

3. Charter Communications Cable TV Franchise Ordinance

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2855, An Ordinance Granting a New Cable Television Franchise to Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C. for a New Term until December 31, 2014 Subject to the Conditions Herein.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 9 to 0

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of February 2011 to the City Council.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Agne commented on the reverse 911 warning system from the Global Connect Emergency Notification System. Council members and Mr. Hudzik discussed the warning system.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Oberkfell discussed the possibility for implementing a plan or policy to honor military veterans returning from duty. The Mayor commented on past practices and how the City might handle future occurrences as they arrive.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes - February 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, February 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Engineer Ron Williams be authorized to prepare revisions to the language appearing in Section 15.66.080 (Review of Building Permit Applications) of the City's Municipal Code, pertaining to the submittal of a building permit for commercial buildings, including a set of fully designed plans, to the Architectural Review Board as reviewed and discussed in Committee.

No Action Taken.

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Engineer Ron Williams be authorized to prepare the necessary revisions to the language appearing in the City's Municipal Code pertaining to the subdivision replatting requirements upon issuance of building permits for 50% of the subdivision's lots, as reviewed and discussed in Committee.

See Item IV-C-5 of these minutes, Ordinance No. 2853 Approved.

3. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Engineer Ron Williams prepare the necessary revisions to the City's Zoning Code to allow for maximum driveway or curb cut widths of (i) forty (40) feet for commercial businesses (with a minimum width to adequately provide for incoming and outgoing traffic); and (ii) thirty (30) feet for residential properties.

See Item IV-C-7 of these minutes.

4. Regular Session Minutes - February 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011 were not ready for approval.

C. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - February 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, February 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 14, 2011

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:00 P.M.

Personnel - 7:10 P.M.

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 Budgetary processes and financial information review/discussion

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:30 Review/discussion on building permit submittal with plans prior to Architectural Review Board Meeting application submittal

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 7, 2011 at 8:05 P.M.

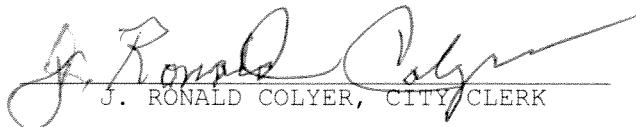
Moved by: Agne

Second: Hejna

Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON