

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
APRIL 4, 2011 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 7:30 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Stumpf and Roessler.

Absent: Alderman Oberkfell.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer, City Administrator Al Hudzik, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, City Engineer Ron Williams, Fire Marshall Mike Roediger and Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis.

Guests Present: None.

Alderman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budgetary and financial information presentation and other items to be considered or discussed.

II. BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Chairman Ebersohl called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik and Accounting Manager Linda Sharp to address the Committee on budgetary matters. Mr. Hudzik reviewed a previously distributed Memo entitled "Steelworkers Health Insurance Premium Rate Analysis (2009 – 2012)", including a letter from the Steelworkers Health and Welfare Fund, dated March 29, 2011, informing the city of the medical and prescription drug monthly health insurance premiums that will be in effect from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (representing an approximate increase of 5.60%), and a worksheet entitled "Comparison of Monthly Medical/Prescription Drug Premiums July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011 (& as Increased 07/01/11 – 06/30/12)" reflecting financial data on health insurance premiums in effect since July 1, 2009. Ms. Sharp then reviewed some of the figures shown in the FY 2011 – 2012 "Draft" budget document previously distributed to the Committee Members, and indicated the city's General Fund was showing a deficit approximating \$12,600 excluding funds that may be needed to subsidize the ambulance fund (including the ambulance payments (approximating \$44,000) and the software needed if the city changes to in-house collections (approximating \$13,000)). She also

reviewed her Memo and its attachments (distributed at this meeting) pertaining to the city's Motor Fuel Tax and Capital Development Funds, both of which showed large deficits. Linda and Al provided more detail on those funds and informed the Committee Members that an unexpected invoice (in an amount approximating \$58,000) was received from the State of Illinois, representing the city's share of the reconstruction of Carl Street in 2008, and the engineering and right-of-way expenses for Phase II of the Cherry Street reconstruction (approximating \$110,000), which project was moved up one year by Monroe County, were included in the budget resulting in a projected negative cash balance in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of \$88,917. Linda reported that City Engineer Ron Williams is attempting to delay the Cherry Street reconstruction project by one year. The Capital Development Fund contained many projects carried over from the current fiscal year, including the Main Street Streetscape project, which showed an estimated project cost increase in excess of \$100,000 (Linda distributed copies of an e-mail to Ron Williams from Tom Cissell of Oates Associates, dated March 22, 2011, detailing the increased costs). Linda informed the Committee Members that the "Draft" of the FY 2011 – 2012 budget, as presented at this meeting, would be revised to incorporate changes from additional budget meetings this week, and the revised "Draft" budget would be posted on the City Hall bulletin board and the city's website on Thursday (04/07/11). Al, Linda and the department heads will continue working on the budget and additional information will be distributed later this week for review and discussion at the April 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

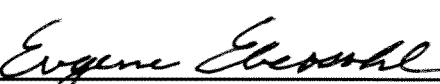
III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

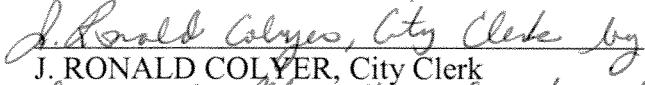
MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia held Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:55 P.M. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**


EUGENE EBERSOHL, Chairman

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:


J. RONALD COLYER, City Clerk

Anna R. Medoffey, Deputy Clerk