

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Piazza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<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 Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Board Member Levi Ottwell

II. DELEGATION

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of June 6, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held June 6, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 6, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Library Board Member, Mr. Levi Ottwell.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

The Police and Communications Department monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Al Holden.

Alderman Niemietz asked Mr. Holden to clarify the inspection processes for the informational benefit of the new Aldermen and he proceeded to do so.

2. Ordinance to Grant a Sign Variance to Royal Gate Dodge of Columbia for having the Assigned Address of 500 Admiral Weinel Boulevard in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow More Signs to be Displayed than the City's Sign Code Allows for an Establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

The City's Sign Variance Committee previously voted to approve the variance.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2874, An Ordinance to Grant a Sign Variance to Royal Gate Dodge of Columbia for having the Assigned Address of 500 Admiral Weinel Boulevard in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow More Signs to be Displayed than the City's Sign Code Allows for an Establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2011

Commissioner Mike Hemmer presented the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2011 to the City Council.

F. City Clerk

1. IDOT Report No. 62 - January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 -
Receipt and Disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer presented to the Mayor and City Council a copy of Audit Report No. 62 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax fund for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

2. An Ordinance Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics Employed on Public Works Projects of the City

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2875, An Ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Said City.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea Roessler Yea Piazza Yea
Agne Yea Huch Yea Reis Yea

Niemietz Yea Mathews Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

G. Community & Economic Development Report

The Community and Economic Development report was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Proposal for Action - Civic Progress Committee

Mr. Ellis presented information regarding development of a comprehensive Main Street redevelopment strategy that includes market analysis, targeted street/building improvements and planning for adequate parking and transit services.

Mr. Ellis indicated that the Civic Progress Committee will be expanded and that a Downtown Planning Technical Committee will be formed to help with the guidance of the initiative.

2. Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to Purchase American Legion Fields

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2876, An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to Purchase American Legion Fields

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Mr. Ellis updated the Council on the progress of the Shoemaker Schoolhouse/Welcome Center, including a local intergovernmental agreement and upcoming volunteer training.

H. City Engineer

1. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his monthly report.

2. Ordinance to Allow Retail Used Car and Truck Sales by Special Use Permit Only in a C-2 (General Commercial Zoned District)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approved Ordinance No. 2877, An Ordinance to Allow Retail Used Car and Truck Sales by Special Use Permit Only in a C-2 (General Business Zoned District) in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Agne Second: Piazza Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Immaculate Conception Church Annexation Agreement and the IEPA Permits

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the City of Columbia to sign the IEPA permits for the water and sewer lines for the new Immaculate Conception Church.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Piazza Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Metal Roof Panels for Miller-Fiege Roof Project

Mr. Williams informed the Council that the metal roof panels being installed on the Miller-Fiege House are not the ones that were specified.

As per Alderman Agne's suggestion, it was the consensus of the Council that the flat metal panels that were specified should be installed.

5. Mr. Williams presented an update on the Kunz and Milton Street Improvement projects.

6. All-Type Tree Service will conduct a limb pick-up throughout the City to eliminate the foliage residue from recent storms that came through the City.

I. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik. Mr. Hudzik noted that the next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5th.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Dispatching Services Agreement, a Lease-Purchase Agreement, and a Lease between the City of Columbia, Illinois and the Columbia Fire Protection District

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2878, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Dispatching Services Agreement, a Lease-Purchase Agreement, and a Lease Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and The Columbia Fire Protection District.

Moved by: Huch Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enter Into a Communications System Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to Purchase Communications Equipment in Order to Comply with FCC Mandated Requirements

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2879, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enter into a Communications System Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to Purchase Communications Equipment in Order to Comply with FCC Mandated Requirements.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

K. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 16, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred fifty-four dollars and eighty-four cents (\$259,954.84).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

L. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of May, 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: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance to allow retail used car and truck sales by special use permit only in a C-2 (General Business) Zoned District incorporating recommendations made by the City's Plan Commission.

See Item IV-H-2. Ordinance No. 2877 passed and approved.

2. Regular Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Fire Department

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Fire Department Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 were tabled for future approval.

C. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 are not yet completed.

D. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Staff prepare the necessary documentation for the City to purchase two (2) MCC7500 Dispatch Consoles from Motorola Solutions as discussed in Committee.

See Item IV-J-3. Ordinance No. 2879 passed and approved.

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council approval to accept the \$6,000 Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Narrow-banding (Equipment) Grant offered to the City and to ratify any prior actions taken by city staff to accept the grant.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve and accept the \$6,000 Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Narrow-banding (Equipment) Grant offered to the City and to ratify any prior actions taken by city staff to accept the grant.

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

E. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to consult with Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C., on the employment and wages & benefits issues as discussed in Executive Session

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that city staff be authorized to consult with Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C., on the employment and wages & benefits issues as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Huch	Second: Reis	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 have not yet been completed.

3. Regular Session Minutes - June 13, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 have not yet been completed.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JUNE 27, 2011

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 - ICC (Immaculate Conception Church) Pre-annexation Agreement review/discussion; review/discussion of precinct realignment/possible ward redistricting; school house discussion; Executive Session: Litigation Update; Columbia Lakes Community Unit Plan review/discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion to consider acquiring a specific parcel of real estate

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to consider acquiring a specific parcel of real estate.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. to consider acquiring a specific parcel of real estate.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:48 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Piazza, Reis 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. There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

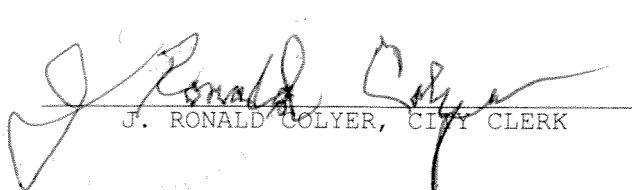
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8:49 P.M.

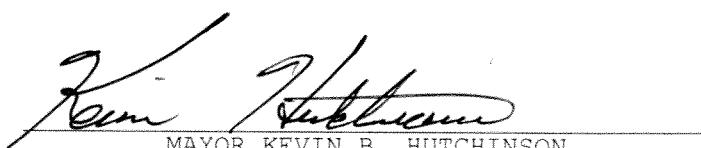
Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON