

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 John Long	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Dwayne Worley

II. DELEGATION

A. Mary Beth Babcock - Actors' Attic

Ms. Babcock appeared before the Council to present plans for a Columbia Theatre Project proposed by the Actors' Attic. The proposed project is adjacent to Gillan Graphics on North Main Street. Ms. Babcock presented a video preview and architectural sketches depicting the project and then entertained questions from several Council Members.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of August 1, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 1, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 1, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian, Erica Pyle.

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 - Monthly Report

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

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2011

Commissioner Dwayne Worley presented the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2011 to the City Council.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 11, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred fifty-one thousand, nine hundred seventy-two dollars and ninety cents (\$151,972.90).

Moved by: Roessler 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

G. Community & Economic Development Report

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

1. Item(s) for Approval

a) Recommendation from the Play Commission to Select Contractors for the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision Park Master Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation from the Play Commission to select SWT Design of St. Louis as the contractor for the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision Park Master Plan.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

b) Request for use of Bolm-Schuhkraft facilities by Columbia High School

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request by Columbia High School to use the Bolm-Schuhkraft park facilities for school activities, classes and practices from August thru November 2011 and March thru May 2012.

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

H. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

2. Ordinance approving a Minor Subdivision Plat for Briar Lake Estates - Lots 98 & 99

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2885, An Ordinance for conditional approval of the Minor Subdivision Plat for Briar Lake Estates - Lots 98 & 99 in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Agne 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. Approval to purchase culvert lining pipe for storm sewer along East Locust

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of culvert lining pipe for the storm sewer along East Locust Street in the amount of \$10,233.90 from Contech Construction Products, Inc.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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. Approval to purchase 1-1/2 ton service truck

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a 1-1/2 ton service truck in the amount of \$33,242.00 from Weir Ford.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Eberschl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. Bids for Main Street Streetscape Project

No action taken.

6. Others

Mr. Williams updated the Council on the MFT Oil and Chip Program, the Kunz Street Improvement Project and the Milton Street Project.

I. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long had no report.

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

2. An Ordinance to Establish the Salary/Remuneration of Full-Time Appointed City Officers and Employees of the City of Columbia, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2886, An Ordinance to Establish the Salary/Remuneration of Full-Time Appointed City Officers and Employees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012.

Moved by:	Huch	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

3. Mr. Hudzik announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.

K. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of July, 2011 to the City Council. Mayor Hutchinson reported earlier in the meeting that CNN Money news has ranked Columbia as one of the top 15 areas to live in America for the money and where homes are affordable.

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:	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

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 25, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, July 25, 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, July 25, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis 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

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 8, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, August 8, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, August 8, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

C. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Engineer Ron Williams be authorized to appoint the DOPW Leadman as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that City Engineer Ron Williams be authorized to appoint the DOPW Leadman as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Huch 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

2. 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, on the performance/discipline of specific employee issues as discussed in Executive Session, and to ratify any prior actions taken to that extent.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize city staff to consult with Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, on the performance/discipline of specific employee issues as discussed in Executive Session, and to ratify any prior actions taken to that extent.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Motion: Recommend to the City Council the employment of Kate L. Nash, attorney with the firm of Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., to conduct an investigation into working condition allegations as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to employ Kate L. Nash, attorney with the firm of Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., to conduct an investigation into working condition allegations as discussed in Executive Session.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

4. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the resignations of the EMS employees Shirelle Parks and Heather Middleton be accepted (effective July 28, 2011) as submitted.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the resignations of EMS employees Shirelle Parks and Heather Middleton effective July 28, 2011 as submitted.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

D. Water and Sewer

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 8, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, August 8, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, August 8, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Piazza 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

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AUGUST 22, 2011

License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts - 7:00 - Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Presentation - Susan Jaynes

Committee of the Whole - 7:10

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:20 - Communications Tower discussion

Water and Sewer - 7:30

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

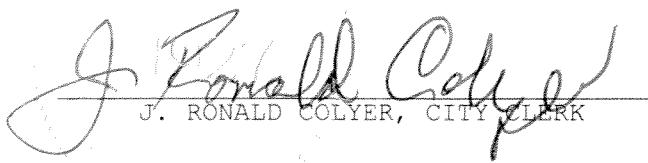
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 15, 2011 at 8:14 P.M.

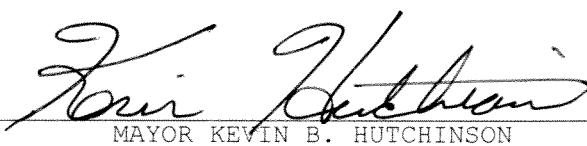
Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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