

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 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 P.M. 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<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"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Amy Mistler

II. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 19, 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, December 19, 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

III. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Community & Economic Development Report

1. Welcome Center Steering Committee Minutes - December 21, 2011
2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.64 (HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to clarify and update guidelines and procedures for Historic Preservation within the City of Columbia

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2922, an Ordinance amending Chapter 15.64 (HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to clarify and update guidelines and procedures for Historic Preservation within the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. Included were updates on the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program Grant; Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee items and Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee items.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to (i) approve the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program Grant application in the amount of \$300,000 for the South Main Street (Streetscape) Reconstruction Project; and (ii) ratify any prior actions taken by city staff in submitting said application to the proper state/federal agencies.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Attorney

No Report.

D. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 29, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-six thousand two dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$256,002.98).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through November 30, 2011 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,373,957.89. The balance is \$351,656.86 higher than the \$6,022,301.03 balance of October 31, 2011.

The statement indicated that as of November 30, 2011, the State of Illinois is four months (August, September, October and November) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$230,579.63 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through November 30, 2011 as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

E. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th

F. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report for the month of December, 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: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

VII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 9, 2012

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:00 P.M. (1) Street lights on Quarry Road Discussion; (2) TIP Application Discussion; (3) Street Maintenance Surfacing Options Discussion

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:10 P.M. Review of special event policies, procedures and fees

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. (1) Midas Hospitality Director of Sales - Tourism Advisory Board recommendation on cost sharing; (2) Police Department Ceiling Replacement Discussion; (3) Open Meetings Act Training Requirements Discussion

Refuse Collection and Recycling - 7:30 P.M. Leaf and Limb Pick-Up RFP Discussion

License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts - 7:40 P.M. IT Support Services Contract Discussion

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Litigation update/discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for an update/discussion on pending litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:16 P.M. for an update/discussion on pending litigation.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:09 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 8:10 P.M.

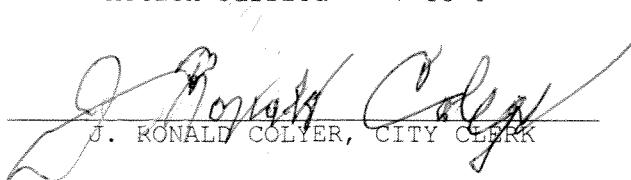
Moved by: Agne Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

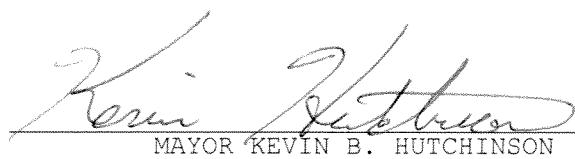
Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Roessler Yea
Huch Yea
Mathews Absent

Piazza Yea
Reis Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0


J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON