

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Boy Scout Troop Pack 319-Wolfs-Den 5 called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Eberschl	<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.

Boy Scout Troop Pack 319-Wolfs-Den 5 also led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance with others in attendance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input 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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	

II. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

### **III. 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**

##### **1. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports**

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

##### **2. Vehicle Acquisition**

Police Chief Edwards verbally provided information to the Council for the opportunity to apply for the acquisition of one or more Humvees available to law enforcement agencies from the United States Department of Defense at no cost to the City.

It was the consensus of the Council for Police Chief Edwards to pursue the application for two Humvees.

#### **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 & Zoning Department**

##### **1. Monthly Report**

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

##### **2. 2011 Annual Report**

Mr. Holden also presented the 2011 Annual Report of the Building & Zoning Department to the City Council.

#### **E. Plan Commission**

##### **1. Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2011**

Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf presented the Plan Commission meeting minutes of December 12, 2011 to the City Council.

##### **2. Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2012**

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2012 were also presented to the City Council by Commissioner Burggraf.

#### **F. Community & Economic Development**

Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented the following to the City Council.

##### **1. Civic Progress Committee Minutes - November 9, 2011**

##### **2. Staff Memoranda to Civic Progress Committee - January 10, 2012**

These memos covered Scoping for Main Street Data Assembly Efforts and Data Collection for Main Street Planning.

3. Consent Items for Welcome Center Steering Committee - January 12, 2012

These items covered the Monroe County Welcome Center - Marketing Activities, Proposed Budget for 2012-2013, and Plan of Operation.

Mr. Ellis thanked City Engineer Ron Williams and the DOPW staff for their help with the brochure racks and furniture at the Monroe County Welcome Center.

4. Special Event Request - Columbia Eagles Athletic Booster Club

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the Columbia Eagles Athletic Booster Club to hold a 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk in Columbia to be held on March 3, 2012 contingent upon their insurance being in place.

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

5. Resolution Incorporating a Revised Open Space, Bike & Greenway Alignment Plan as Attachment C to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 11-2011, A Resolution Incorporating a Revised Open Space, Bike & Greenway Alignment Plan as Attachment C to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      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

6. Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.33 (Special Events) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety & Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Public Places Within the City of Columbia

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2923, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.33 (Special Events) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety & Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Public Places Within the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Piazza      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

7. Ordinance Amending Chapter 18.85 (Park Facility Reservation) of Title 18 (Fees and Charges to be Assessed) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety & Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Public Places Within the City of Columbia

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2924, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18.85 (Park Facility Reservation) of Title 18 (Fees and Charges to be Assessed) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety & Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Public Places Within the City of Columbia.

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

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

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

Mr. Williams also updated the City Council on the Columbia Lakes CUPs Cooperation Agreement, Main Street Streetscape information, nova chip and thin overlay resurfacing examples and street sign examples.

H. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 12, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred twenty-four thousand, one hundred seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$224,107.79).

Moved by: Roessler      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

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through December 31, 2011 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,627,023.03. The balance is \$746,934.86 lower than the \$6,373,957.89 balance of November 30, 2011.

The statement indicated that as of December 31, 2011, the State of Illinois is four months (September, October, November and December) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$226,278.53 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through December 31, 2011 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler      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

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp also reported that the W-2s will be issued this week and the 1099s will be distributed to the retirees from the Police Pension Fund.

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. An Ordinance Defining Meeting and Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2925, An Ordinance Defining Meeting and Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings.

Moved by: Agne      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

3. An Ordinance Establishing a Policy with Regard to Permitting a Specified Amount of Time to Address Public Officials in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2926, An Ordinance Establishing a Policy with Regard to Permitting a Specified Amount of Time to Address Public Officials in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

4. An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Services Agreement with REJIS Commission of St. Louis, Missouri, to Provide Information Technology Support Services for the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2927, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Services Agreement with REJIS Commission of St. Louis, Missouri, to Provide Information Technology Support Services for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler      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

5. Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Formal Notice of Demand to Bargain Correspondence - Police Officers and Telecommunicators - and Action on Recommendation to Employ Labor Counsel

City Administrator Al Hudzik advised the Council Members that he plans to acknowledge receipt of above letters - formal notice of demand to bargain correspondence from the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, recommended that Mr. Mark Weisman, Attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman be employed as labor counsel to assist with the labor negotiations and that he be authorized to sign the accompanying "Mediation Agreement" documents with the concurrence of Mr. Weisman.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that (i) Attorney Mark W. Weisman with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C., be employed as labor counsel to assist with said labor negotiations with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, representing Full-Time Sworn Columbia Police Officers and Full-Time Telecommunicators; and (ii) City Administrator Al Hudzik be authorized to sign the accompanying "Mediation Agreement" documents with the concurrence of Mr. Weisman.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

K. Mayor

1. Mayor's Annual Report

(Will be presented at the February 6, 2012 meeting.)

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: 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

A. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff meet with Braun Funeral Home representatives to negotiate an agreement for the installation of lighting at the funeral home's business entrance on Quarry Road.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that city staff meet with Braun Funeral Home representatives to negotiate an agreement for the installation of lighting at the funeral home's business entrance on Quarry Road.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Agne      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. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 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, January 9, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried      7 to 0

B. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      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

C. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that (i) the bid proposal of JDR Interior & Exterior to replace the ceiling on the second floor of the Police Department offices be accepted in the amount of \$16,610.00; and (ii) any actions taken by city staff pertaining to said ceiling replacement be ratified.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that (i) the bid proposal of JDR Interior & Exterior to replace the ceiling on the second floor of the Police Department offices be accepted in the amount of \$16,610.00; and (ii) any actions taken by city staff pertaining to said ceiling replacement be ratified.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the bid proposal of Mercury Communications, Inc. to install and erect a Radio Communications Tower adjacent to the Police Department building be accepted in the amount of \$110,630.00.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the bid proposal of Mercury Communications, Inc. to install and erect a Radio Communications Tower adjacent to the Police Department building be accepted in the amount of \$110,630.00.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 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, January 9, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

D. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, January 9, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

E. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff prepare the necessary documentation to continue to use REJIS for the City's IT support services from February 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

(See Item III-J-4, page 6, Ordinance 2927 passed and approved.)

2. Regular Session Minutes - January 9, 2012

(Tabled until next meeting for approval-February 6, 2012.)

VII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 23, 2012

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. Piggot's Fort Property Cooperation Agreement  
Discussion

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:10 P.M. FY 2011-2012 Financial Review  
(6 months)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:48 P.M.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON