

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 J. Ronald 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 type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS COMMENTS

Prior to beginning the City Agenda, Mayor Hutchinson reported that he had received information from Alderman Piazza that, due to professional relocation, Alderman Piazza would be resigning his Aldermanic Position in the City of Columbia.

A. Constitution Week Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson submitted a document proclaiming September 17th thru September 23rd as Constitution week, celebrating the 225th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, August 20, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 20, 2012 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 20, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, August 20, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, August 20, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, August 20, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Ebersohl

Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2012

Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller presented the Monday, August 27, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. In his report, Director of Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis updated the Council on the progress of the transfer of the Columbia Historical Society property; the progress on archaeological research to locate Piggot's Fort; and the progress on OSLAD funding and the purchase of the American Legion Fields.
2. Veldrijden Columbia (October 6) - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request for Veldrijden Columbia (Bicycle Race) on Saturday, October 6, 2012 in the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz

Second: Reis

Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried: 6 To 0

3. Mr. Ellis updated the Council on the progress of the Art on the Bluffs Art Walk.

C. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. An Ordinance to Authorize a Joint Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with Regard to the Intersection Improvements at Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2971, An Ordinance to authorize a Joint Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the intersection improvements at Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Results of Bids and Approval of Purchase of Backhoe Loader

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a backhoe loader from H. Edwards Equipment, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois in the amount of \$57,982.00 as recommended by the Department of Public Works, Tim Ahrens, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

D. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long had no report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 30, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred eighteen thousand six hundred seventy dollars and seventy-four cents (\$218,670.74).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through July 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,197,315.27. The balance is \$123,530.40 higher than the \$5,073,784.87 balance of June 30, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of July 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (May, June and July) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$268,445.41 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik had no report.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his August 2012 monthly report to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports of all Departments and Officers as presented.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:00 P.M.

Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M. Elected Officials (April 2013) Compensation Discussion; Executive Session: Pending Litigation update/discussion

Personnel - 7:20 P.M. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

Executive and Rules - 7:30 P.M.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:20 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

There was none.

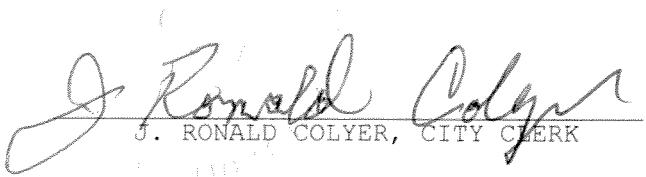
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 8:23 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON