

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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:

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| 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 | Reis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Roessler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | | | |

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

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| <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 Alan Holden | <input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert 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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley |

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, October 1, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Monday, October 1, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council.

2. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Head Librarian and Council Action Thereon

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Columbia Library Board to (i) hire Karyn Applegate as Head Librarian, contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks, and with two (2) weeks of vacation to be granted after one (1) year of service; and (ii) authorize the City Administrator to sign the necessary documentation to grant said two (2) weeks of vacation as recommended.

Moved by: Huch Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

1. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Recommendation on the Hiring of an Interim EMS Chief and Council Action Thereon

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards to promote EMS employee Shannon Bound to the position of Interim EMS Chief.

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by City Engineer Ronald Williams.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2012

Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley presented the October 8, 2012 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

1. The Community and Economic Development report was presented by Director Paul Ellis. During his report Mr. Ellis touched on his efforts for Marketing Columbia, especially speaking regarding his visit to Chicago for the Chicago Deal Making meeting.

2. Special Event Request - Halloween Hi-Jinks (October 27)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Halloween Hi-Jinks to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for Trick-or-Treating at the Columbia Main Street businesses.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Special Event Request - Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow (October 31)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow to be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the City Hall Municipal Building - Fountain Park.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

G. City Engineer - Report

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. During his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on the bid documents and plans for the Radar Speed Signs, the International Building Code modification concerning a Zip Roof System, the concrete street repairs in the Southwoods Development, the Liberty and Washington Streets water main replacement, the Palmer/Quarry/Ghent Improvement Project, the Cherry Street Water Tank painting and the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon inspection.

H. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long 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 October 11, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred ninety-four thousand fifteen dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$394,015.28).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | | |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. The presentation of the Annual Financial Reports audit for FYE April 30, 2012 was not yet available but will be forthcoming according to Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. An Ordinance to Authorize the Signing of a Lease Extension Agreement with Columbia American Legion, Columbia Post 581, District No. 22, Department of Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, for the Lease of Real Property Located in the Columbia American Legion Memorial Park Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2977, An Ordinance to authorize the signing of a lease extension agreement with Columbia American Legion, Columbia Post 581, District No. 22, Department of Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, for the lease of real property located in the Columbia American Legion Memorial Park subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Yea | Reis | Yea |
| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Hutchinson | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Report of Receipt of "Summons in a Civil Action" on October 4th filed by Horner & Shifrin, Inc. re: Engineering Services Billings (2007-2008) - Fish Lake Road Interchange

K. Mayor

1. Monthly Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his monthly report for September, 2012 to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that (a) the formal bidding procedures for the Refuse and Recycling Contract be waived; and (b) city staff be authorized to renegotiate the City's Refuse and Recycling Contract with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc. at the rates presented.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that (a) the formal bidding procedures for the Refuse and Recycling Contract be waived; and (b) city staff be authorized to renegotiate the City's Refuse and Recycling Contract with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc. at the rates presented.

Moved by: Reis Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 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, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

These minutes will be presented at the November 5, 2012 City Council Meeting.

C. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

These minutes will be presented at the November 5, 2012 City Council Meeting.

D. Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

E. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards be authorized to terminate probationary employee Chad Van Ryn (EMT-Paramedic) from the City's EMS Department

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards be authorized to terminate probationary employee Chad Van Ryn (EMT-Paramedic) from the City's EMS Department.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 22, 2012

None called.

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 7:50 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages discussion.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:53 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, 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 Monday, October 15, 2012 at 8:55 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Ronald Colyer
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

Kevin B. Hutchinson
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON