

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 Doug Gruenke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acting Head Librn. Annette Bland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Amy Mistler

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Small Business Saturday Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson presented a proclamation designating Saturday, November 24, 2012 as 'Small Business Saturday' in the City of Columbia in conjunction with the national celebration of this event.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, November 5, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 5, 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, November 5, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Monday, November 5, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, November 5, 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, November 5, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Acting Head Librarian Annette Bland.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards. Chief Edwards noted that the Department's Family Assistance Program is again taking place during the holiday season.

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.

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

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

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2012

Plan Commissioner Edith Dean presented the November 13, 2012 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

1. Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2011 were presented to the Council by Director Paul Ellis. In addition, Mr. Ellis presented the Council with a copy of the Articles of Organization and Operation of the Columbia Tourism Advisory Committee.

2. Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2012 were presented.

3. Marketing Columbia: Supporting Local Small Businesses

Mr. Ellis touched on marketing strategies for local businesses and reemphasized "Think Monroe County First" during the Christmas shopping season.

4. Archaeological Research to Confirm Site of Piggot's Fort - Update

Director Ellis updated the Council on the efforts and research to confirm the site of Piggot's Fort, indicating that thus far those efforts have been unsuccessful.

5. A Resolution to Endorse "The Mounds - America's First Cities: A Feasibility Study"

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2012, A Resolution to Endorse "The Mounds - America's First Cities: A Feasibility Study".

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

6. A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Execute an Agreement with SWT Design of St. Louis to Provide Professional Services for Development of an Implementation Phasing & Priorities Evaluation for the Admiral Trost Park Master Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2012, A Resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute a Supplemental Services Agreement with SWT Design of St. Louis to provide Professional Services for development of an Implementation Phasing & Priorities Evaluation for the Admiral Trost Subdivision Park Master Plan.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

G. City Engineer - Report

1. Engineer's Report

The Engineer's Report was presented to the Council by City Engineer Ron Williams. In his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on a variety of projects including the concrete repairs in the Southwoods area, the 300 tons of salt delivery that the city has received, the Palmer/Quarry/Ghent Improvement Project and the Cherry Street Water Tank Interior Painting Project.

2. Approval to Purchase Material for Cherry Street Water Line Replacement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the material for the Cherry Street Water Line Replacement Project in the amount of \$16,866.00 from Schulte Supply of Edwardsville, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2948 Which Established the Budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for its Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2981, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2948 which established the Budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. An Ordinance Entering into a Contract Agreement for Professional Services with Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. for the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2982, An Ordinance to enter into a Contract Agreement for Professional Services with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM, Inc.) of Swansea, Illinois to render preliminary engineering services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

5. 50-50 Sidewalk Replacement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the 50-50 Sidewalk Replacement for Bruce & Kathy Robert for their sidewalk located at 715 N. Briegel Street in Columbia.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

H. City Attorney

City Attorney Doug Gruenke 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 November 15, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$424,584.33).

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. A Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the 2011 General Obligation Bond Fund

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 14-2012, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the 2011 General Obligation Bond Fund of the City a maximum amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000).

Moved by: Huch Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. A Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Engagement Letter to Retain the Firm of Cozen O'Connor LLP

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 15-2012, A Resolution authorizing the signing of an Engagement Letter to retain the firm of Cozen O'Connor LLP, a professional corporation to assist the City of Columbia, Illinois and Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. in the collection of Municipal Utility Taxes.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2983, An Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Moved by: Reis Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

K. Mayor

No Report.

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: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 were presented as corrected 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

B. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

C. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared setting the City's real estate tax levy (for its various funds) for the current fiscal year (ending on 04/30/2013) in the aggregate amount of \$1,940,000.00.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend that an ordinance be prepared setting the City's real estate tax levy (for its various funds) for the current fiscal year (ending on 04/30/2013) in the aggregate amount of \$1,940,000.00.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

3. Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared authorizing the City to enter into the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for the City's insurance coverage for C/Y 2013

See Ordinance No. 2983 passed and approved November 19, 2012, page 6, Item IV-J-2 of these minutes.

D. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

E. Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

These minutes will be presented at the December 3, 2012 City Council meeting.

2. Executive Session Minutes - November 13, 2012

These minutes will be presented at the December 3, 2012 City Council meeting.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 26, 2012

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:00 P.M. OSLAD Grant Process - American Legion Property

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:10 P.M. Capital Projects - Financial
Projections Discussion

Personnel - 7:20 P.M. Executive Session: (i) Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion; and (ii) Review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee - 7:30 P.M. Executive
Session: Pending Litigation Settlement update/discussion

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 and review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages discussion and review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:22 P.M.

Moved by: Huch Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, 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

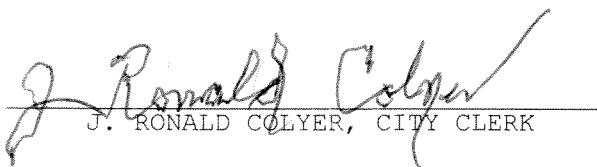
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 19, 2012 at 8:24 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



Kevin B. Hutchinson

MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON