

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois
Held Monday, February 07, 2022 in the Council Room of City Hall.**

A. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Hill called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

Absent: Alderman Roessler.

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff present:

City Administrator Douglas Brimm	City Attorney Terry Bruckert
City Clerk Andrew Hitzemann	Chief of Police Jason Donjon
Deputy Chief of Police Karla Heine	Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mathews
City Engineer Chris Smith	EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht
Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey	IT Director James Mitchell

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Proclamations/Recognitions/Presentations

There were no proclamations, recognitions, or presentations.

E. Public Input

Donna Biondo stated Skyline Drive residents are against Top Shooter's sign because it will negatively impact their neighborhood.

F. Comments & Announcements – Mayor

Mayor Hill mentioned the Monroe County Job Fair is February 16th at The Falls and Monroe County on Ice is February 20th on City Hall parking lot.

Mayor Hill thanked the Department of Public Works for their hard work removing snow this past week.

Mayor Hill recognized the Columbia High School Cheerleading squad for qualifying for State and placed 10th in the State.

G. Comments & Announcements - Aldermen

There were no Aldermen Comments & Announcements.

H. Comments & Announcements – Department Directors

City Engineer Chris Smith provided the Council with an overview of the Department of Public Works.

I. Consent Agenda

City Clerk Hitzemann read the Consent Agenda.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Motion to Approve Closed Session Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting
3. Motion to Approve Payment of Vouchers for the Period of January 14, 2022 through February 2, 2022 in the Amount of \$361,091.42
4. Motion to Approve Statement of Funds for December 31, 2021
5. Motion to Approve Special Event Application – Music at Metter Concert Series (June 26, July 24, August 7, 2022)

Mayor Hill inquired if the Council wished to remove any items prior to a motion.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

J. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance No. 3599 Approving 2 Sign Variances for Top Shooters Located at 531 Old State Route 3

Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey stated he received a plat of survey and it confirmed the sign location is 0.4 feet from the property line.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3699, an ordinance Approving 2 Sign Variances for Top Shooters Located at 531 Old State Route 3.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

2. Motion to Approve Architectural Review Application for Charlie's Carstar at 1845 Ghent Road Authorizing the Substitution of Required Exterior Building Materials

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Architectural Review Application for Charlie's Carstar at 1845 Ghent Road Authorizing the Substitution of Required Exterior Building Materials

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

3. Resolution No. 2022-01 Accepting Permanent Easement from Norman J. and Clara Schaefer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to pass and approve Resolution No. 2022-01, a resolution Accepting Permanent Easement from Norman J. and Clara Schaefer

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

4. Resolution No. 2022-02 Accepting Warranty Deed from Norman J. and Edward A. Schaefer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Khoury, to pass and approve Resolution No. 2022-02, a resolution Accepting Warranty Deed from Norman J. and Edward A. Schaefer

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

5. Resolution No. 2022-03 Accepting Warranty Deed from Gedern Estates HOA

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Garmer, to pass and approve Resolution No. 2022-03, a resolution Accepting Warranty Deed from Gedern Estates HOA

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

K. New Business

1. Resolution No. 2022-04 Opposing Senate Bill 2298 Amending the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code

Director of Community Development Scott Dunakey explained the City is a member of the Illinois Tax Increment Association (ITIA). An ITIA Executive Director recently notified members of Senate Bill 2298 (SB2298), which would amend the TIF Act to substantially reduce the effectiveness of TIF districts. It is staff's recommendation that the Council approve Resolution No. 2022-04 to show support in opposing Senate Bill 2298.

Motion:

2. It was moved by Alderman Garmer, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 2022-04, a resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2298 Amending the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

3. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbia and the Monroe County Emergency Telephone System Board Pertaining to Omnigo Computer Aided Dispatching Software

City Administrator Douglas Brimm explained Monroe County collects a certain percent of a cellphone bill for a 911 telecom fee. Mr. Brimm, Mayor Hill, and Chief Donjon have been working with Monroe County to come up with an agreement where the County could pick up certain expenses related to the operation of the 911 system. Mr. Brimm and Chief Donjon estimate that this MOU will save the City approximately \$20,000 annually.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbia and the Monroe County Emergency Telephone System Board Pertaining to Omnigo Computer Aided Dispatching Software

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

4. Review of Sign Permit Moratorium Issued by the City Administrator

City Administrator Douglas Brimm stated on January 27th, in response to concerns raised regarding signage installed recently throughout the City, and numerous conflicts/inconsistencies found throughout Chapter 15.44 (Sign Code), a moratorium was imposed on the issuance of any new sign permits. Mr. Brimm explained the intention is for this moratorium to remain in place until such time as a replacement for the existing sign code can be reviewed and adopted by the City Council. Mr. Brimm mentioned minor adjustments may need to be made after the Comprehensive Plan is approved.

Mr. Brimm and Mr. Dunakey anticipate a draft could be ready for review by March.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to uphold a Sign Permit Moratorium Issued by the City Administrator until the adoption of a new Sign Code or March 31, 2022, whichever is soonest.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:

L. Closed Session

There was no business addressed in Closed Session.

M. Announcements

There were no announcements.

N. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Khoury, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, February 07, 2022 at 7:47 PM.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

7 Aye: Niemietz , Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

1 Absent: Roessler

0 Abstain:



KELLY MATHEWS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK



MAYOR BOB HILL