

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois
Held Monday, January 03, 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, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

Absent: None.

Quorum present.

Administrative Staff present:

City Administrator Douglas Brimm
Deputy Chief of Police Karla Heine
City Engineer Chris Smith*
IT Director James Mitchell*

City Attorney Terry Bruckert*
Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mathews
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

*Participated remotely

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

There was no Public Input.

F. Comments & Announcements - Mayor

Mayor Hill encouraged citizens to participate in the Columbia Conversations website to give feedback in Columbia's future. Mayor Hill announced two upcoming events: the Monroe County StartUP program will be hosting an ice skating event in City Hall parking lot on February 12 and a job fair at The Falls on February 16.

G. Comments & Announcements - Aldermen

There were no Aldermen Comments & Announcements.

H. Comments & Announcements - Department Directors

City Administrator Douglas Brimm provided a review on the Administration Department.

I. Consent Agenda

City Administrator Douglas Brimm read the Consent Agenda.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Motion to Approve Closed Session Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
3. Motion to Approve Payment of Vouchers for the Period of December 17, 2021 through December 29, 2021 in the Amount of \$99,464.45
4. Motion to Approve Statement of Funds for November 2021

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:

8 Aye: Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

0 Absent:

0 Abstain:

J. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

K. New Business

1. Approval of a Letter of Support of Monroe County's Application for a Rebuild Downtown and Main Street Capital Grant for Intersection Improvements on Illinois Route 3

City Engineer Chris Smith explained Monroe County is applying for a grant to do intersection improvements to Illinois Route 3 between Columbia and Waterloo. The county is requesting a letter of support (LOS) from Columbia for the Grant application. The proposed work is the installation of restricted crossing U-Turn (Rcut) at Hanover Road, Coxeyville Road, Granny Lane and EE Road. This project is currently out of City limits, but the County wanted to include the City since this area could be in City limits in the future.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve a Letter of Support of Monroe County's Application for a Rebuild Downtown and Main Street Capital Grant for Intersection Improvements on Illinois Route 3

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

8 Aye: Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury
0 Nay:
0 Absent:
0 Abstain:

2. Discussion of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Emergency Temporary Standard Pertaining to COVID-19

City Administrator Douglas Brimm explained OSHA issued an “emergency temporary standard” requiring employers with 100 or more employees to develop, implement, and enforce a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy, or adopt a policy requiring employees to either get vaccinated or elect to undergo regular COVID-19 testing and wear a face covering at work in lieu of vaccination. The City currently has 118 employees.

Mr. Brimm stated the City is not subject to Federal OSHA, but is subject to Illinois OSHA. Illinois OSHA intends to adopt the standard for state and local government employers. The Illinois Municipal League recommends that municipalities prepare to implement ETS policies and procedures by or on January 10, 2022.

A brief discussion was had, and it was the consensus of the Council to collect copies of employee’s vaccination cards or employees unvaccinated statements. The City will also allow unvaccinated employees to be tested by the EMS Department before the start of their shift and the City will cover the cost.

Mr. Brimm stated he will have the draft policy out to the Council this week and will most likely go into effect Friday, January 7, 2022.

L. Closed Session

Mayor Hill informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) Security Procedures, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Closed Session at 7:51 PM to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) Security Procedures, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

8 Aye: Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury
0 Nay:
0 Absent:
0 Abstain:

Mayor Hill called the Regular Session of the City Council back to order at 8:29 PM.
Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp,
Martens, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, and Mayor Hill were present.

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, January 03, 2022 at 8:30 PM.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

8 Aye: Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury

0 Nay:

0 Absent:

0 Abstain:



KELLY MATHEWS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK



MAYOR BOB HILL