

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois
Held Monday, October 18, 2021 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 Clerk Andrew Hitzemann

City Attorney Terry Bruckert

Deputy Chief of Police Karla Heine

City Treasurer Linda Sharp

IT Manager James Mitchell

City Administrator Douglas Brimm

Chief of Police Jason Donjon

EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

Dir. Of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey

Deputy City Clerk Kelly Mathews

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 read a thank you note from Krista Schoellhorn from Columbia High School for allowing Homecoming on Main Street. She wanted to thank everyone involved.

Mayor Hill also recognized the Boys Soccer team for winning at Regionals and moving on to Sectionals.

G. Comments & Announcements - Aldermen

There were no Aldermen Comments & Announcements.

H. Comments & Announcements - Department Directors

EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht provided an update on her department. The call volume has decreased based upon previous years. EMS has been working with City Hall in regards to collections. They have been working hard with PR events and making their service visible to the public. The next event is 10/20/2021 which is Children's First Daycare Car Seat. There hasn't been any ambulances out of service for repairs in September and October. A big

reason for this is the new ambulance the department received. The surveys they have received back have been positive and stated EMS was a Class Act. The surveys are also complimentary to all City Departments. The EMS has been complemented on their knowledge and care for patients. With donations, they have been able to purchase additional training aids. The EMS relies on their part time crew members and they have been working on recruitment and retention. They are down from 26 to 20 part time crew members and they are working on interviewing to increase the staff. They are looking forward to working with the City on planning for the Public Safety Center.

City Administrator Douglas Brimm provided an update on with Insurance Renewal Fees. The City received a 0% increase for the 2022 Calendar year for Cigna and IMLRMA and is still waiting to hear from The Standard for dental and vision.

I. Consent Agenda

City Clerk Hitzemann read the Consent Agenda.

1. Motion to Approve Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Motion to Approve Closed Session Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting
3. Motion to Approve Payment of Vouchers for the Period of October 1, 2021 through October 15, 2021 in the Amount of \$482,145.49
4. Resolution No. 2021-23 Approving a Tourism Grant of \$1,250 to Historic Main Street Columbia Association for the Purpose of Funding Radio and Onsite Advertising for the Organization's 2021 Small Business Saturday Event

Mayor Hill inquired if the Council wished to remove any items prior to a motion. There were none.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Garmer, 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

1. Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prairie DuPont Public Water District

Mr. Brimm provided an update on the billing issue with Prairie DuPont Water District. The City will replace the water meter and the City staff will ensure it is installed to specifications. If the results are within 15%, Prairie DuPont will reimburse the City for the majority of costs incurred by the dispute and remit payment for months where an incomplete payment was made. The Prairie DuPont Water District approved the Memorandum of Understanding at their meeting on October 13th.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Khoury, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve the Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prairie DuPont Public Water District

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3590 Annexing into the City of Columbia Two Parcels Comprised of 14.05 Acres Located in the 900 Block of Bluffside Road in Unincorporated Monroe County

Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey explained there was a petition for annexation for utilities by the owners of two tracts of property on Bluffside Road. The Plan Commission recommends approval finding the annexation complies with the Comprehensive Plan and recommends the property be annexed under A-1 Agricultural District zoning.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3590 Annexing into the City of Columbia Two Parcels Comprised of 14.05 Acres Located in the 900 Block of Bluffside Road in Unincorporated Monroe County

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

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

K. New Business

1. Discussion of Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Brimm introduced Kevin Scheibe, Public Safety Director of Monroe County, and Josh Bayer, Columbia EMA Director.

Mr. Scheibe reviewed the Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Council. The old plan expired August 2019. All cities in Monroe County need to approve the plan. Any county that doesn't have an approved plan will not be able to receive any Grants.

Alderman Niemietz questioned estimated which weren't filled in on later pages and if this could cause an issue.

Mr. Scheibe explained these are known by FEMA and would not cause an issue and they would be able to fill in later years. Next time this plan is due, they will start further in advance. They are planning on educating the community.

Mr. Brimm announced the Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan will be on the agenda for approval at the November 1st Council meeting.

2. Discussion of Memorandums of Understanding Between the City of Columbia and the Monroe County Emergency Telephone System Board Pertaining to Mobile Data Terminals and Cellular Data Services

Mr. Brimm explained the memorandums of understanding are being proposed to formalized arrangements between the City of Columbia and Monroe County Emergency Telephone System Board. The first MOU is in regards to mobile data terminals which are in cars. The City will be supplied 20 MDTs and the MOU outlines responsibilities with insurance, upgrades and maintenance. The second MOU is regarding the cellular data services. The City will be provided cellular data services for devices used as part of the 911 system.

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)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to direct the Mayor to go into Closed Session at 7:35 PM to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body

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 8:03 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 Khoury, and seconded by Alderman Garmer, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, October 18, 2021 at 8:04 PM.

Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote results:

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

0 Nay:

0 Absent:

0 Abstain:



ANDREW HITZEMANN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR BOB HILL