

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010 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 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

The Council and citizens in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATIONS

A. Ron Langhans Recognition for service on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Mayor Hutchinson presented Ron Langhans a plaque in honor of his years of service and dedication on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of July 19, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 19, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 19, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARMENTS/OFFICERS

A. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. Ordinance Entering into Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Intersection Improvements at Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2801, An Ordinance to authorize a Joint Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the preliminary engineering for the intersection improvements at Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Oberkfell		Second: Ebersohl		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

3. Plat of Survey of Part of Honey-Bee Estate

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2802, an ordinance to approve a plat of survey of part of Honey-Bee Estate and part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

4. Potential Project for ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Funding

The potential project application for funding was discussed by the Mayor, Mr. Williams, Alderman Oberkfell and City Administrator Al Hudzik, with Mr. Hudzik pointing out that use of Capital Development Funds would most likely be the source of the City's proportionate share of the project.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the ITEP Funding Project application, involving the Main Street Streetscape Project between Whiteside and Cedar Streets, as presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

5. Approval to Purchase Replacement Water Meters

Mr. Williams requested that the Council approve the purchase of 150 new water meters (Sensus iPERL meters).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to purchase 150 Sensus iPERL water meters for the water meter replacement program in the amount of approximately \$17,700.00.

Moved by: Row		Second: Ebersohl		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

6. Temple Street Sidewalk Plans

Mr. Williams indicated that he and Assistant Engineer Tim Ahrens have developed a cost estimate of labor, equipment and materials to construct the sidewalk project and have forwarded the estimate to Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis for his use in submittal of a DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) grant to help pay for the project.

B. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2010 were presented to the City Council by Edith Dean.

C. Community & Economic Development

The Community & Economic Development Department report was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Request to Approve a Façade Grant to Boccardi's Ristorante, 117 S. Main (Recommended by Civic Progress Committee)

Alderman Agne expressed concern regarding the proposed canopy because of its multi-colors depicting the Italian flag colors and expressed his concern that it might create a carnival atmosphere on Main Street. Ray Boccardi, proprietor of the Ristorante, joined in the discussion, as did Alderman Niemietz.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request to approve a Façade Grant to Boccardi's Ristorante, as recommended by the Civic Progress Committee, at 117 S. Main Street at a cost of \$5,514 to be shared equally by the City and the Business.

Moved by: Row		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Nay	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 5 to 1

2. Mr. Ellis gave the Council notification of an application that has been made for the appropriation from the Illinois Department of Community & Economic Development for \$50,000 for the Temple Street

Sidewalk Project, which would be used to assist in funding the project.

3. Mr. Ellis discussed a Motion to Proceed with Renovation of Shoemaker School into the Monroe County Welcome Center (as discussed by the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee). Mr. Ellis noted that the State of Illinois has rescinded the matching funds previously promised for the Welcome Center. He recommended that the City proceed with the project using funds donated by Charles Todd, as well as a portion of the hotel/motel tax revenues to renovate the exterior and front portion of the building.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to Proceed with Renovation of Shoemaker School into the Monroe County Welcome Center (as discussed by the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee)

Moved by: Oberkfell	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Absent
Agne Yea	Hejna Absent	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 6 to 0

D. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Terry Bruckert

New City Attorney, Mr. Terry Bruckert, had nothing to report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 29, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred ninety-two thousand, sixty-seven dollars and seventy-three cents (192,067.73).

Moved by: Roessler	Second: Ebersohl	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Absent
Agne Yea	Hejna Absent	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 6 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik
2. Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 08-2010, a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Absent
Agne Yea	Hejna Absent	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Mr. Hudzik informed the Council that a Notice of Charge of Discrimination has been filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) against the City. The charge was filed by Owoseni S. Babatunde, who alleges that employment discrimination occurred under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and The Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Mr. Hudzik also reported that similar allegations have been made by Mr. Babatunde to the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the July, 2010 Mayor's Report to the City Council.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Absent
Agne Yea	Hejna Absent	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 6 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Agne pointed out the sight-lines at the recently approved Quality Collision Business site and suggested that the planting of some form of foliage might be in order.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Columbia Daze Optimist 5K/10K Run Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Columbia Daze Optimist 5K/10K Run Request for Saturday, August 21, 2010 as coordinated with the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Community and Economic Development Department and the Clerk's Office.

Moved by: Agne	Second: Oberkfell	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Absent
Agne Yea	Hejna Absent	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 6 to 0

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, July 26, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee meeting held Monday, July 26, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. A proposed motion to recommend to the City Council that Breidecker Street be closed when City Engineer Ron Williams determines that Cherry Street (Old Town Project) has been completed was tabled and referred back to Committee to be considered at the August 9th meeting.

2. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, July 26, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, July 26, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

C. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

These minutes will be presented at the next City Council Meeting, August 16, 2010.

D. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, July 26, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, July 26, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
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Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

E. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Motion: To recommend to the City Council the approval of the Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC for audit services, in an amount not to exceed \$16,900 plus certain out of pocket costs, for the City's fiscal year ending on April 30, 2010.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC for audit services, in an amount not to exceed \$16,900 plus certain out of pocket costs, for the City's fiscal year ending on April 30, 2010.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, July 26, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Absent
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Absent	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

These minutes will be presented at the next City Council Meeting, August 16, 2010.

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AUGUST 9, 2010

- 7:00 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - Breidecker Street.
- 7:10 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - Finance/Budgetary issues discussion.
- 7:20 PM - Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - EMT staffing levels discussion-employment application reviews.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 2, 2010 at 8:05 P.M.

Moved by: Row

Second: Ebersohl


Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

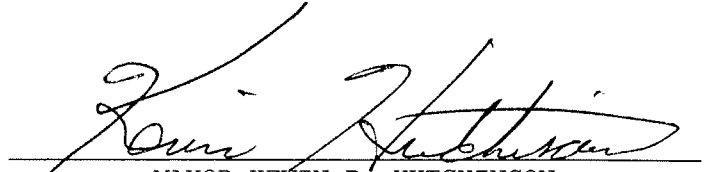
Row Yea
Hejna Absent
Oberkfell Yea

Stumpf Absent
Roessler Yea

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON