

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Roessler</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	

Boy Scout Ethan Stumpf led the Council and citizens in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. DELEGATIONS**

A. Christine Hopper - Relay for Life of Monroe County

Ms. Hopper provided the Council with information regarding the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Monroe County. She appealed to the Council for support and commitment to the walk/run event to be held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on September 18, 2010. The Mayor and Council expressed their gratitude to Ms. Hopper for her efforts and the information provided regarding the event.

B. Scott Harres - Mutt and Me 5K Fun Run/Walk

Scott Harres was unable to attend the meeting. However, he submitted a proposal for approval for a 5K Fun Run/Walk

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Mutt and Me 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, September 26, 2010 as coordinated with the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Community and Economic Development Department and the Clerk's Office.

Moved by: Stumpf                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

C. Columbia High School Principal Mark Stuart - Request to use Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park Football Field

Mr. Stuart appeared before the Council to request occasional use by the High School football team of the football field in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park that is used in the fall by the "Columbia Blue Jays". Mark Jackson, representing the Blue Jay Organization, also appeared before the Council and expressed some concerns regarding the wear and tear on the field if used for practice by

the High School team. Discussion ensued including Mr. Stuart, Mr. Jackson, the Mayor and Council Members regarding the overall maintenance and use of the field.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to grant the use of the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park Football Field to the High School as outlined in the letter from Columbia High School Principal Mark Stuart.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried        8 To 0

**III.     READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A.     Regular City Council Meeting of August 2, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held August 2, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held August 2, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row                              Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried        8 To 0

**IV.     REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A.     City Clerk's Office Report - June and July, 2010

City Clerk Ron Colyer presented the City Clerk's Office Report for the months of June and July, 2010.

B.     Library Report - Monthly Report

The Library Report was presented to the Council by Head Librarian Erica Pyle.

C.     Police Department

1.     Monthly Reports (Police Department and Communications)

The monthly reports of the Police and Communications Departments were presented to the Council by Police Chief Joseph Edwards.

D.     EMS Department - Monthly Report

The EMS Department monthly report was given by Chief of Police Joe Edwards. Alderman Stumpf questioned a possible shortfall for the EMS Department. Accounting Manager Linda Sharp addressed the question and indicated that further information would be provided at a September meeting.

E.     Fire Department - Monthly Report

1.     Monthly Report

Fire Chief Mike Roediger presented the department's monthly report.

F. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

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

G. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2010 were presented to the Council by Dwayne Worley.

H. Community & Economic Development

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

1. Resolution Supporting the City of Columbia Applying to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for Developing and Constructing Phase II of the Main Street Streetscape Project.

The Mayor, Mr. Ellis and Council Members discussed at length the proposed project to develop and construct Phase II of the Main Street Streetscape Project. Topics discussed included installation of new streetlights, utility relocation, construction of new sidewalks, new curbing, traffic patterns, engineering costs and the potential costs to the City.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 09-2010, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for Developing and Constructing Phase II of the Main Street Streetscape Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Mr. Ellis updated the Council on the Shoemaker School Project and indicated that work would resume on the building in the coming week.
3. Mr. Ellis reported that Columbia has been named as a "Playful City" for the second year in a row.

I. City Engineer

No Report.

J. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Terry Bruckert-No Report

K. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid were presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 12, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred forty-seven thousand, seven hundred seventy-six dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$347,776.38).

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

Motion Carried 6 to 2

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through July 31, 2010 was presented by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$4,679,770.73. The balance is \$18,161.04 lower than the \$4,697,931.77 balance of June 30, 2010.

The statement indicated that, as of July 31, 2010, the State of Illinois was four months behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$295,636.00, due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2010 as presented.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

L. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Hejna asked Accounting Manager Linda Sharp if a five-year Capital Development plan is forthcoming. Mrs. Sharp indicated that it should be ready for a meeting in September.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, July 26, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

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

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Breidecker Street remain open for another six (6) months while the City explores other alternatives to providing additional ingress/egress to the Pioneer Ridge Subdivision.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that Breidecker Street remain open temporarily and that in six (6) months the progress of the City in exploring alternatives to providing additional ingress/egress to the Pioneer Ridge Subdivision be reviewed.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, August 9, 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, August 9, 2010 as amended and on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

C. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Executive Session Minutes - July 26, 2010

The Executive Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting of Monday, July 26, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Kurt P. Froehlich, Attorney with the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois, be employed to allow administrative staff to explore various options pertaining to a general obligation bond issue.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that Kurt P. Froehlich, Attorney with the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois, be employed to allow administrative staff to explore various options pertaining to a general obligation bond issue.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Stumpf                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Stumpf                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

D. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the recommendation of Ken Buss, the Chief of the EMS Division, to hire Ryan S. Markovich and Gregory A. Muskopf as paid - volunteer EMT-Basic employees of the Columbia EMS Department, be approved contingent upon their successful

completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that the recommendation of Ken Buss, the Chief of the EMS Division, to hire Ryan S. Markovich and Gregory A. Muskopf as paid - volunteer EMT-Basic employees of the Columbia EMS Department, be approved contingent upon their successful completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

E. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - August 9, 2010

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - AUGUST 23, 2010**

7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole - Aldermanic compensation discussion - April 2011 elected officials; Old Town Project - Final payout(s) discussion

7:10 PM - License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts - Internet provider discussion

7:20 PM - Personnel - SWIC student intern discussion

7:30 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - Finance/Budgetary issues

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

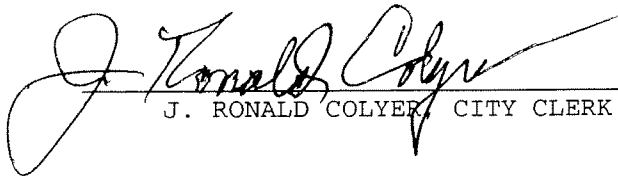
**X. ADJOURNMENT**

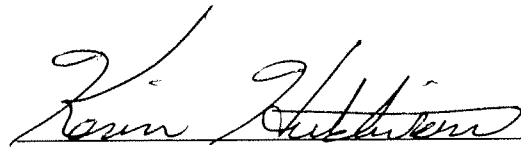
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 16, 2010 at 8:40 PM.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON