

NOTICE OF & AGENDA FOR  
CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 9 2010  
AT COLUMBIA CITY HALL  
208 S. RAPP AVENUE  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

**7:00 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities**

1. Breidecker Street discussion
2. Other items to be considered or discussed

**7:10 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest**

1. Finance/Budgetary issues discussion
2. Other items to be considered or discussed

**7:20 PM - Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch**

1. EMS staffing levels discussion - employment application reviews
2. Other items to be considered or discussed

**7:30 PM - Personnel**

1. Executive Session
  - a) Update/discussion on collective bargaining negotiations and employee salaries
2. Other items to be considered or discussed

**MINUTES OF THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gene Ebersohl called the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Hejna, Oberkfell and Stumpf.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues pertaining to Breidecker Street and any other items to be considered or discussed.

**II. BREIDECKER STREET DISCUSSION**

Chairman Ebersohl referred to the petition distributed at the August 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting with approximately seventy-five (75) signatures in favor of keeping Breidecker Street a through street from Cherry Street to Centerville Road. He again stated he would like to keep Breidecker Street open as an alternate entrance to the Pioneer Ridge subdivision, as well as for safety concerns he has – to allow an alternate route for emergency vehicle access – he indicated that Fire Chief Mike Roediger, Chief of Police Joseph Edwards and Chief of the EMS Division Ken Buss are in agreement with his safety concerns.

Alderman Row said his understanding was that Breidecker was opened as a temporary through street until the Old Town Project/Cherry Street construction was completed and feels it should no longer remain a through street.

A general discussion was then held among the Committee/Council Members, members of the City staff, and various residents from the Breidecker Street and Pioneer Ridge subdivision areas of the City – items discussed included:

- Breidecker Street is a substandard road due to its width – it is constrained by the City’s current right-of-way width of 33 ft., which doesn’t easily allow two (2) cars traveling in opposite directions to pass each other;
- due to its width constraints, Breidecker Street does not meet the requirements of the City’s subdivision code – even though there are other substandard streets in Columbia that do not meet the subdivision code requirements, several Committee/Council Members were opposed to the City resurfacing Breidecker and leaving it as a through street in substandard condition;
- leaving Breidecker open as a through street and trying to get the necessary right-of-way easements from the property owners to allow proper road construction in compliance with current City standards;
- the intersection of Cherry Street and S. Main is a hazardous intersection – the intersection of S. Main with Centerville Road appears to be a safer intersection;
- extending Longview to Centerville Road to allow an alternate access for the Pioneer Ridge subdivision residents and to help address safety concerns;
- leaving Breidecker open as a through street for a certain period of time while other ingress/egress options are explored;
- opinions given by Breidecker Street and Pioneer Ridge subdivision area residents both in favor of and against leaving Breidecker open as a through street;
- resident Dennis Kish giving a brief history of the development of the Pioneer Ridge subdivision and indicating he offered to give the City a seven (7) foot easement in 1992, and discussing various concept plans he had presented to the City in the 1990s, which included the extension of Longview; and
- that a meeting(s) should be held between Dennis Kish and various city officials, including staff, to explore various options to resolve the alternate ingress/egress and safety concern issues.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler 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. Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. Alderman Row voted nay. **MOTION CARRIED.** A straw poll of the other Aldermen: Agne and Stumpf voted yea and Hejna and Oberkfell abstained.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

None.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 8:02 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Roessler voted yea.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

  
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL  
ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Roessler called the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:05 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Hejna and Stumpf.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Row and Oberkfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Roessler stated the meeting was called to discuss finance/budgetary issues and any other items to be considered.

**II. FINANCE/BUDGETARY ISSUES DISCUSSION**

Chairman Roessler made opening remarks and called upon Accounting Manager Linda Sharp to address the Committee. Ms. Sharp reviewed the items previously distributed to the Committee/Council Members consisting of a Memo pertaining to some of the City's past General Obligation Bond issues, including its most recent issue (in the amount of \$375,000 and dated August 1, 2004), as well as general information on general obligation bond issues, and the Memo's attachments: (A) Amortization of the 2004 General Obligation Improvement Bonds (which issue will be paid in full in December of this year); (B) Monroe County Clerk's Tax Levy Rates (2005 – 2010); (C) the City's Capital Equipment and Capital Projects for the Fiscal Year Ended 4-30-11; and (D) the Disbursements appearing in the City's Capital Development Budget for the fiscal Year Ended 4-30-11. City Administrator Hudzik reviewed the current bond issue's amortization and rate schedule and the effect said issue has had on the real estate tax rates of the City's property owners during the term of the bond issue – he also touched upon several items pertaining to general obligation bond issues and indicated if the City Council would like to explore issuing bonds to replace those that are maturing, that

Accounting Manager Sharp and he would like to contact bond counsel to discuss various topics pertaining to the bonds. Ms. Sharp informed the counsel that she has been in touch with bond attorney Kurt Froehlich, who was recommended by City Attorney Terry Bruckert, to inquire about his estimated fee on a bond issue in the \$400,000 range – he indicated it should be less than \$3,500. During the presentations made by Ms. Sharp and Mr. Hudzik, a general discussion was held wherein the Committee/Council Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments, which included: (i) whether the City needed to advertise for bond counsel (and the fees to be charged); (ii) the possible uses of the bond proceeds; (iii) concern being expressed that the bond proceeds should not be used as an ongoing revenue source; (iv) the effect of the issue on real estate taxes; and (v) that the bond issue documentation should specifically identify the items/projects the bond proceeds will be used to fund.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Stumpf 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. Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Hejna and Stumpf voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A straw poll was taken of the other Aldermen: Agne, Niemietz, Row and Oberkfell voted yea.

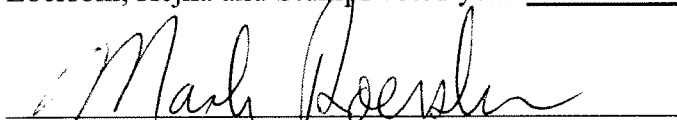
**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

Chairman Roessler indicated that he would welcome any recommendations or suggestions the Committee/Council Members may have pertaining to the FYE 04/30/11 Budget and City operations – he said another Committee Meeting will be held in the future to discuss any recommendations/suggestions anyone has to offer.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 8:42 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Roessler and Aldermen Ebersohl, Hejna and Stumpf voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



MARK ROESSLER, Chairman  
FINANCE, CLAIMS, BONDS AND INTEREST COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE AMBULANCE, RADIO COMMUNICATION AND  
DISPATCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fred Stumpf called the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:43 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Stumpf and Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Hejna.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Oberkfell and Roessler.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Stumpf stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss EMS staffing levels, review employment applications and consider any other items that may need to be discussed.

**II. EMS STAFFING LEVELS DISCUSSION – EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION  
REVIEWS**

Chairman Stumpf made opening remarks and indicated he had reviewed the employment applications of Ryan S. Markovich and Gregory A. Muskopf, both of whom have been recommended by Ken Buss to become paid-volunteer EMT-Basic employees of the Columbia EMS Department (to replace two (2) paid-volunteer paramedic employees, who recently left the department). Chairman Stumpf indicated he concurred with Mr. Buss's recommendation and said he would entertain a motion to that effect.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Hejna 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. Chairman Stumpf and Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Hejna voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A straw poll of the other Aldermen: Ebersohl, Agne, Oberkfell and Roessler voted yea.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

Chairman Stumpf informed the Committee Members that he had recently met with Accounting Manager Sharp about the EMS Department's declining revenues and reliance on the City's General Corporate Fund to subsidize its operations – he said he plans to call another Committee Meeting in the future to discuss various ways to address these issues.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Hejna to adjourn the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 8:48 p.m. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Stumpf and Aldermen Niemietz, Row and Hejna voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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FRED STUMPF, Chairman

AMBULANCE, RADIO COMMUNICATION AND DISPATCH COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

  
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant



**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
AUGUST 9, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mary Ellen Niemietz called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:49 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Row, Hejna and Oberkfell.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Niemietz entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

**MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Stumpf to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 9:02 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler. Other Council Members present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Hejna and Oberkfell.

Chairman Niemietz asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting. There was none.

**III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED**

None.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**


**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Stumpf to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 9:03 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Stumpf and Roessler voted yea.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:

  
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SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant