

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

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

II. DELEGATION

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Public Hearing of Tuesday, January 18, 2011

The minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2011, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2011

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2011, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2011

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011 were presented to the City Council by Commissioner Edith Dean.

B. Building and Zoning Department

The Building and Zoning Department report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

1. ECF, Inc.: Architectural Review Board

a) Building Materials Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the metal and EFIS Building Materials Variance for the ECF, Inc. property located at 1909 West Gate Drive.

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

2. Dollar General: Zoning Board of Appeals

Dennis Kircher, a member of the Architectural Review Board and the Street Graphics advisory committee, and Will Trowbridge, a member of the Architectural Review Board, the Street Graphics advisory committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals, appeared before the Council to provide information and answer questions regarding their respective committee recommendations including those of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Architectural Review Board and the Street Graphics Advisory Committee. They commented on and answered questions regarding committee recommendations and subsequent requests for building materials, parking spaces, driveway entrance width, and signage variances from DG Partners, LLC, also recognized as Dollar General, for a proposed building project on South Main Street. After considerable discussion and deliberation by the Council regarding the requests, the following action ensued.

a) Parking Space Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Parking Space Variance Request for 30 spaces for the Dollar General Store.

Moved by: Agne		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

b) Driveway Entrance Width Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Driveway Entrance Width Variance Request to 36 feet for the Dollar General Store.

Moved by: Agne		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

3. Dollar General: Street Graphics and Architectural Review Board

a) Building Materials Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Building Materials Variance Request based on the elevation and paperwork presented for the Dollar General Store to be located at 922 S. Main Street.

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

Motion Carried 5 To 4

b) Signage Variance Request:

1) to increase height of proposed monument sign

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Signage Variance Request to increase the height from six (6) feet to eight (8) feet of the proposed monument sign for the Dollar General Store.

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

Motion Failed 0 To 8

2) to increase number of signs allowed

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Signage Variance Request to increase the number of signs allowed to two for the Dollar General Store.

Moved by: Niemietz		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

3) to increase total square footage of sign area

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to deny the Signage Variance Request to increase the square footage of the sign to 151.5 square feet and limit the signage to 101 square feet for the Dollar General Store.

Moved by: Agne 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. Community & Economic Development

1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.32 (City Parks) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2838, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.32 (City Parks) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Park Usage Within the City of Columbia.

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

2. Ordinance Adding Chapter 12.33 (Special Events) to Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) and Amending Chapter 18.85 (Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Pavilion Reservation) of Title 18 (Fees and Charges to be Assessed) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2839 as amended, An Ordinance Adding Chapter 12.33 (Special Events) to Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) and Amending Chapter 18.85 (Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Pavilion Reservation) of Title 18 (Fees and Charges to be Assessed) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Protect the Public Health, Safety and Welfare by Providing Policy and Procedure for Public Places Within the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 1

3. Ordinance Amending Title 18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enact the Fees and Charges to be Assessed for City Services and Business Licenses

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2840 as amended, An Ordinance Amending Title 18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enact the Fees and Charges to be Assessed for City Services and Business Licenses in the City for the City's Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2010 and Until Said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again Amended by Ordinance of the City Enacted to Change Said Fees and Charges.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 2

D. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. Ordinance Entering into an Agreement with Oates Associates, Inc. for Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services for Cherry Street Reconstruction Phase 2

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2841, An Ordinance to Employ Oates Associates, Inc. of Collinsville, Illinois to Render Professional Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in Connection with Preliminary and Construction Engineering Services for the Cherry Street Reconstruction Phase 2 Project.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Oberkfell 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. Limited Closure of South Main to Traffic During a Phase of the South Main/IL Route 3 Intersection Improvement Project

Mr. Williams indicated that final plans for the project are near completion to be submitted to IDOT and that a tentative letting date is foreseen for June, 2011. He noted that construction might require the closing of a portion of South Main St. for approximately two weeks. He also indicated that work on the project should occur beginning September 15th and to be completed prior to November 15th.

4. Mr. Williams updated the Council on the Milton Street Improvement Project, the Main Street Streetscape project and Documentation on IDOT projects.

E. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 3, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-five thousand, three hundred nineteen dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$255,319.79).

Moved by: Roessler		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

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through December 31, 2010 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,224,819.19. The balance is \$530,470.68 lower than the \$5,755,289.87 balance of November 30, 2010.

The statement indicated that, as of December 31, 2010, the State of Illinois is five months behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$280,217.36 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

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

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

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

The Administration Department Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

2. Adoption of HTC Communications Co. Application for Cable/Video Services Franchise Items to be Addressed Findings

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to Adopt the HTC Communications Co. Application for Cable/Video Services Franchise Items to be Addressed Findings 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

3. Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchise to HTC Communications Co.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2842, An Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchise to HTC Communications Co. for a Term Until January 31, 2016 Subject to the Conditions Herein.

Moved by: Roessler 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

4. Ordinance to enter into a Services Agreement with REJIS Commission to provide information technology support services

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2843, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Services Agreement with REJIS Commission of St. Louis, Missouri, to Provide Information Technology Support Services for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 1

5. Ordinance to enter into a Lease Agreement with Xerox Corporation to provide copying/printing/scanning equipment to the City

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2844, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Xerox Corporation to Provide Copying/Printing/Scanning Equipment for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Oberkfell 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

6. Recommendation/approval of the awarding of the sale of \$450,000 of General Obligation Bonds

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the awarding of the sale of \$450,000 of General Obligation Bonds to the First National Bank of Waterloo.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

7. Mr. Hudzik announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd.

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of January 2011 to the City Council.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemiets Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the City proceed with work on the Gall Road slope (on property adjacent to Christ Community Church) utilizing DOPW equipment and personnel in an effort to improve drainage in that area

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City proceed with work on the Gall Road slope (on property adjacent to Christ Community Church) utilizing DOPW equipment and personnel in an effort to improve drainage in that area.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Abstain	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemiets	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - January 24, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of Monday, January 24, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, January 24, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 24, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting of Monday, January 24, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, January 24, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

C. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 24, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee Meeting of Monday, January 24, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, January 24, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FEBRUARY 14, 2011

None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

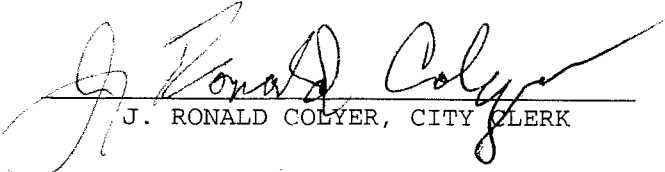
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 7, 2011 at 9:45 P.M.

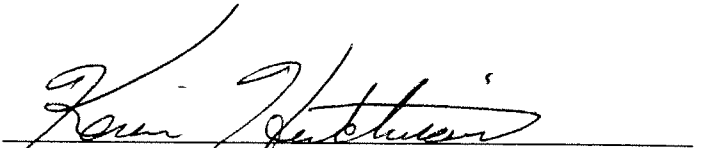
Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON

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2nd line after Request based on the "revised" elevation and paper work "to be submitted indicating architectural split faced block"

Reason for variance was to make the building compatible with buildings already existing in the area.