

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 16, 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	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Piazza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<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 John Long	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Karin Callis

II. DELEGATION

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of May 2, 2011 (Sine Die)

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held May 2, 2011 (Sine Die) were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 2, 2011 (Sine Die), as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. Regular City Council Meeting of May 2, 2011

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 2, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 2, 2011, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea

Niemietz Yea Mathews Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian Erica Pyle.
2. Road Closure Request for Car Show on June 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Council that the road closure request should include a special request permit and will be addressed at the June 6 meeting.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

The Police and Communications Department monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

D. Fire Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Fire Department was presented by Fire Marshal Mike Roediger.

E. Building Department - Monthly Report

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

F. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2011

Commissioner Karin Callis presented the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2011 to the City Council.

G. Community & Economic Development Report

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

1. Minutes and Reports
 - a) A copy of Monroe County's Strategic Plan for Economic Development was presented to the Council.
 - b) Mr. Ellis discussed the East-West Gateway Council's Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.
2. Special Event Permits for Approval
 - a) Turner Hall/Columbia Gymnastic Association - Maifest

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Turner Hall/Columbia Gymnastic Association - Maifest Special Event scheduled for Sunday,

May 29, 2011 at the Turner Hall parking lot and A.C. Metter Memorial Park.

Moved by: Niemietz		Second: Huch		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

b) Cardinals Alumni Kids Clinic

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Cardinal Alumni Kids Clinic to be held Thursday, July 7, 2011 at the Columbia American Legion Park.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Other Items

a) Update on Relocation for Columbia Senior Center

Mr. Ellis informed the City Council that the Columbia Senior Center would be moving to the City Hall Community Room and Kitchen temporarily until they can find a permanent location. The move will take place on June 30th.

H. City Engineer

1. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his monthly report.

2. Ordinance Accepting the Proposal of Strassner Tennis Court Builders to Install Premier Mat Tennis System on One (1) Tennis Court in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2868, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Strassner Tennis Court Builders of St. Louis, Missouri to Furnish and Install Premier Mat Tennis System on One (1) of Four (4) Tennis Courts at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz		Second: Mathews		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Purchase of Tractor/Mower from American Legion

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to purchase a tractor/mower from the American Legion in the amount of \$12,000.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Piazza		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Mr. Williams informed the Council that the work on the Diehl Water Tank painting project has been completed. He also updated the Council on the progress of the Kunz Street Improvement project, the IL Route 3/South Main Street Intersection project and the Main Street Streetscape project.

I. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long had no report.

J. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 12, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred seventy-three thousand, two hundred forty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents (\$173,247.34).

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Reis		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

K. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. Update on Employment Discrimination Charges Filed by Babatunde Owoseni Against the City and its Board of Fire & Police Commissioners with the Illinois Department of Human Rights

Mr. Hudzik reported that the city has received "Notice of Dismissal for Lack of Substantial Evidence" documentation from the State of Illinois Department of Human Rights indicating that the employment discrimination charges filed by Babatunde Owoseni with said agency against both the City of Columbia and its Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have been dismissed, and that there is an appeals process available to Mr. Owoseni.

3. Fire District Update

Mr. Hudzik updated the council on steps recently taken by the Rural Fire Protection District to comply with the Intergovernmental Agreement approved at the December 20, 2010 Council Meeting, as well as other items that need to be addressed, including the finalization and approval of several agreements required by said Intergovernmental Agreement - he reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled for May 23rd to review the terms and provisions of the agreements to be approved.

L. Mayor

1. Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem (May 28 - June 5, 2011)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro-Tem from May 28 to June 5, 2011.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Huch		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Abstain	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Abstention

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 9, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, May 9, 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, May 9, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Niemietz		Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Executive and Rules

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council the FY 2011-2012 City of Columbia Aldermanic Committees, as discussed and determined in Committee (on 05/09/11).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the City Council FY 2011-2012 City of Columbia Aldermanic Committees as discussed and determined in the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting of May 9, 2011.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - May 9, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting held Monday, May 9, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MAY 23, 2011

Fire Department - 7:00 Fire District (proposed) Agreements review/discussion

Personnel Committee - Executive Session - 7:10 Discussion on (i) employee salaries; and (ii) employment of personnel

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:50 P.M.

Moved by: Agne Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
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Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

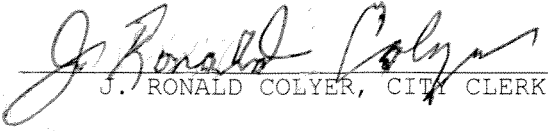
Huch
Mathews

Yea
Yea

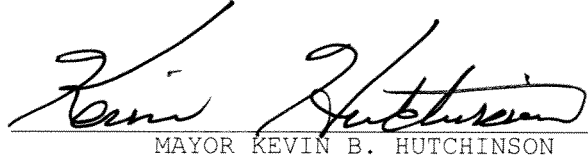
Reis

Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON