

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Edith Dean

II. DELEGATION

A. Red Cross World Blood Donor Day, June 14, 2011

Carrie Boser, a representative of the Red Cross blood donor program, appeared before the Council to urge citizens to donate blood on June 14th at Turner Hall.

B. Chief of O'Fallon Police and SIPCA (Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association) President John Betten appeared before the Council to reenact the presentation of the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association President's Award to Columbia Police Chief Joe Edwards.

Mayor Hutchinson presented Chief Edwards with a City Certificate of Achievement for his efforts as Police Chief in Columbia.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of May 16, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held May 16, 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 16, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2011

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2011 were presented to the City Council by Plan Commissioner Edith Dean.

B. Building Department

1. Royal Gate Street Graphics Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Royal Gate Dodge of Columbia Sign Variance Request as recommended by the Street Graphics Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Agne		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

2. John Sinclair Special Use Permit Request

Building Inspector Al Holden reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to approve the Sinclair Special Use Request. City Engineer Ron Williams discussed the request as it relates to special use and zoning.

Mayor Hutchinson suggested, and the council concurred, that the Special Use Permit be referred to Committee.

3. American Legion Request to Waive \$163.00 Building Application Fee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to waive the \$163.00 Building Application Fee for the Columbia American Legion.

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

C. Community & Economic Development

1. Minutes, Recommendations & Reports presented by Paul Ellis

a) Request to Authorize Hiring an Unpaid Summer Intern

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Ms. Anna C. Eytchison as an unpaid summer intern, contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as a state and federal background check.

Moved by: Huch		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) Calendar Items - Advance Notice

1. Plan Commission member Mike Hemmer will present an overview on Main Street planning on June 13th.
2. According to Mr. Ellis, "several of us who have been meeting through the Mayor's Ecumenical, Social and Civic Improvement group will be together attending the 13th Annual Illinois Leadership Conference in Champaign on June 15th." The meeting is an annual event where representatives of local governments and helping organizations can learn more about building collaborative solutions in our communities.
3. On June 23rd the St. Clair County Economic Development Department will host and conduct a series of sessions and classes on economic development planning, finance, marketing and retention.
4. Mr. Ellis reported that the Monroe County Welcome Center (a.k.a.) the one room Shoemaker School House) will finally be dedicated at 10:00 a.m. on July 23rd.

2. Special Event Permits and Approval

a) Fourth of July Bike Parade

Lauren Nobbe, representing C.R.O.W.N. (Columbia Resourceful Organization of Women Networking) appeared before the Council to request a waiver of the \$250 fee proposed by the Columbia Police Department and the \$150 fee proposed by the Department of Public Works for their efforts in conducting the parade. Ms. Nobbe agreed that the organization would pay the \$125 Special Events fee. After consideration, the Council concurred to waive the Police and Public Works fees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Fourth of July Bike Parade Special Event to be held on Monday, July 4, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., as part of the July 4th celebration, waiving the Police and Public Works fees, beginning at the ICS Church to Main Street to Metter Park.

Moved by: Agne 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) Columbia Library Car Show

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Columbia Library Car Show Special Event to be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Columbia Public Library Parking Lot.

Moved by: Huch Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

c) Columbia Daze 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Columbia Daze 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk Special Event to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 7:30 A.M. with registration at the Columbia High School Football/Track Field.

Moved by: Piazza 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

d) Music at Metter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Music at Metter Special Event to be held at Metter Park on Sundays - June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24 and August 7, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

e) Movies at Metter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Movies at Metter Special Event to be held on Friday, September 9th & October 7th, 2011 from dusk to 10:00 P.M. at Metter Park.

Moved by: Piazza 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

f) Festifall

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Festifall Special Event to be held at Metter Park on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Moved by: Agne 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

3. Ordinances & Resolutions

- a) Ordinance to Authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Services as Required to Prepare a Master Plan for Park Land in the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision.

No Ordinance Needed.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Services as Required to Prepare a Master Plan for Park Land in the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

- b) Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development of Mascoutah, Illinois to provide assistance in applying for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the City of Columbia, IL

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2869, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development of Mascoutah, Illinois, to provide assistance in applying for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

D. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. Preliminary Plat Approval of the Fourth Addition to Pioneer Ridge

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Preliminary Plat of the Fourth Addition to Pioneer Ridge.

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

3. Final Plat Approval of the Fourth Addition to Pioneer Ridge

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2870, An Ordinance for Conditional Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Fourth Addition to Pioneer Ridge in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl 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. Ordinance to Allow Retail Used Car and Truck Sales by Special Use Only in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoned District

No Action Taken...referred to committee.

5. 2011-2012 Motor Fuel Tax Program

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 01-2011, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2011-2012 City of Columbia Motor Fuel Tax Program.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

Mr. Williams notified the Council that a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on June 8th regarding an application for the rezoning of 6.5 acres of property from C-3 Highway Business District and R-5 One Family Dwelling District to A-1 Agricultural District. The property is associated with the Columbia Lakes Development.

Mr. Williams updated the Council on the Kunz Street and Milton Street improvement projects.

E. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long 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 June 2, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred seventy-two thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents (\$372,928.62).

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

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through April 30, 2011 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,422,501.01. The balance is \$79,932.38 lower than the \$5,495,433.39 balance of March 31, 2011.

The statement indicated that, as of April 30, 2011, the State of Illinois is three months (February, March and April) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling approximately \$196,362.05 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through April 30, 2011 as presented.

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

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

Mr. Hudzik updated the Council on the agreements with the Rural and City Fire Districts.

Mr. Hudzik also updated the Council on recent legislative actions as they relate to municipal governments.

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report.

2. An Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of Members of Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2871, An Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of Members of Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012.

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

3. An Ordinance to Fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2872, An Ordinance to Fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012.

Moved by: Huch		Second: Ebersohl		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. An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Belsheim & Bruckert, LLC of O'Fallon, Illinois, to Provide Legal Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois for the City's 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2873, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Belsheim & Bruckert, L.L.C. of O'Fallon, Illinois, to Provide Legal Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois for the City's 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Moved by: Mathews		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

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz 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. Fire Department

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 23, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Fire Department Committee Meeting held Monday, May 23, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Fire Department Committee Meeting held Monday, May 23, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 2 Abstentions

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JUNE 13, 2011

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:00 P.M.

Fire Department - 7:10 P.M.

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:20 P.M.

Personnel - 7:30 P.M.

Plan Commission - 8:00 P.M.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 6, 2011 at 8:30 P.M.

Moved by: Agne 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



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON