

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:01 P.M. 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, led by Cub Scout Pack 325-Den Four, 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 type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	

II. DELEGATION

A. Cub Scouts Pack 325 - Den 4 Webelos were present and assisted the Mayor in calling the meeting to order and leading the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of April 2, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 2, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 2, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

B. Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing of April 5, 2012

The minutes of the Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing held Thursday, April 5, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing held Thursday, April 5, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Reis	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

C. Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing of April 12, 2012

The minutes of the Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing held Thursday, April 12, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Electricity Aggregation Program Public Hearing held Thursday, April 12, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Piazza	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. Monthly Report

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

2. New Hire - Part-Time Shelver/Circulation Clerk

Ms. Sarah Garmer was recommended as the Part Time Shelver/Circulation Clerk at the City Library.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hire of a Part-Time Shelver/Circulation Clerk at the Library, Ms. Sarah Garmer, contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

Moved by:	Huch	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

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

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

2. EMS Deputy Chief Ken Buss' Resignation Letter was noted.

D. Building Department Monthly Report

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

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2012

Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley presented the Plan Commission meeting minutes of April 9, 2012 to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented the following to the City Council.

1. Ecumenical, Social & Civic Improvement Group Meeting Minutes - February 29, 2012

2. Site for Dog Park - Formation of Dog Organizational Group (DOG) as a Subcommittee of the Play Commission

Mr. Ellis spoke regarding a possible site for a proposed Dog Park.

3. Boy Scout Spring Camporee - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the Boy Scouts of America to hold their Boy Scout Spring Camporee beginning Friday, April 27th at 12:00 Noon and ending Sunday, April 29th at 5:00 P.M. at the Admiral Trost Development Park.

Moved by: Mathews		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

4. Race to the Spotlight 5K Run/Walk - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the Columbia Theatre Project/Actors' Attic to hold their Race to the Spotlight 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 2nd from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park.

Moved by: Reis		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

5. Kiwanis Car Show - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request by the Columbia Kiwanis Foundation to hold the Columbia Kiwanis Car Show on September 1st from 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

6. Mr. Ellis notified the Council that a merchant on Main Street has requested that five events be included in one special event application. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to grant permission for the first event and that the other four events be considered by committee.
7. Resolution to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Execute an Agreement with the HeartLands Conservancy of Mascoutah to Provide Professional Services for Development of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 17-2011, A Resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the HeartLands Conservancy of Mascoutah to provide professional services for development of a Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Plan.

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

G. City Engineer - Report

1. Engineer's Report

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

Mr. Williams also reported: that the Route 3/South Main intersection project is nearing completion; that the water line replacement on Evergreen Lane has been completed; spring limb pickup is complete; the Southeast water tank painting has been completed; and informed the Council on the Police Communications Tower construction and provided the latest information regarding the Columbia Lakes CUPS.

H. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert was unable to attend the meeting.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 12, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred thirty-nine thousand, fifty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$239,055.70).

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Mathews		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

- Ordinance to Amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code 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, 2012 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.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2945, (with change on page 17; Returned Check Fee changed to \$15.00 from \$10.00), An Ordinance to Amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code 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, 2012 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: Huch		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

J. Administration Department

- Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Hudzik spoke briefly regarding some minor changes in the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan and asked Phillip Carr, from Good Energy, to speak to the Council regarding the Plan. Mr. Carr gave a background evolution of the plan, an outline for acceptance of the plan and a prognostication for its future.

- Ordinance Approving the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2946, An Ordinance approving the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

- Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers of the City of Columbia, Illinois, Who Do Not Opt-Out of Such a Program

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 18-2011, A Resolution authorizing execution of a Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers of the City of Columbia, Illinois, who do not opt-out of such a 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

- Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to Enter Into a Service Agreement with Coverall of St. Louis D/B/A Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System to Provide Professional Cleaning Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2947, An Ordinance to authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to enter into a Service Agreement with Coverall of St. Louis D/B/A Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System to provide professional cleaning services to the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

- Budget Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson led the Budget Discussion and considering the comments from the Budget Hearing prior to the meeting, suggested that the proposed budget adjustment regarding the Building Department be withdrawn from consideration.

Mr. Hudzik discussed various aspects of the budget and some adjustments that were made from past meetings.

- Ordinance to Establish the Budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of Said City Commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2948, An Ordinance to establish the budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year of said city commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Huch		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:	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

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 26, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 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, March 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 26, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Ebersohl	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. Regular Session Minutes - April 2, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, April 2, 2012 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, April 2, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

4. Regular Session Minutes - April 9, 2012

The minutes are not yet completed and will be presented at the May 7th City Council Meeting.

B. Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 26, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 26, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, March 26, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Mathews Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Abstention

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - APRIL 23, 2012

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:00 P.M. (1) Wedgewood Lane Residents/Property Owners Presentation; (2) Valmeyer Road Bridge Repair Options/Funding Discussion; (3) Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Application Discussion.

Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M. HeartLands Conservancy Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Study Presentation; Columbia Lakes Area Community Unit Plan (North & South) Cooperation Agreement(s) review/discussion; Executive Session - Pending Litigation Update.

IX. MAYOR PRO TEM

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Alderman Gene Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem for one week.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne 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

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

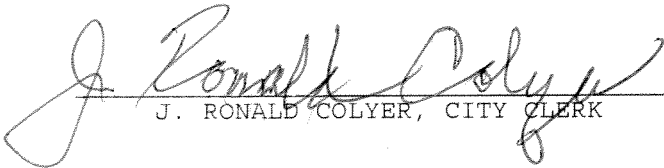
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 16, 2012 at 8:23 P.M.

Moved by: Reis 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



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON