

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 of 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 Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director 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"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Edith Dean
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	

II. DELEGATIONS

- A. Proclamation - Relay for Life - Christine Hopper appeared before the Council regarding information for the Relay for Life and "Paint the Town Purple" project which will be held on May 18th.

Mayor Hutchinson issued a proclamation in recognition of the project.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

- A. Public Hearing - April 16, 2012

The minutes of the Public Budget Hearing held before the City Council on Monday, April 16, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing held Monday, April 16, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

- B. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, April 16, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 16, 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 16, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2012

Plan Commissioner Edith Dean presented the April 23, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Minutes and Reports

- a. Minutes from the Columbia Play Commission - January 31
- b. Minutes from the Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission - March 22
- c. Minutes from the Columbia Play Commission - March 27
- d. Columbia Designated Playful City USA for 2012
- e. Season's Opening for the Monroe County Welcome Center

Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented his monthly report to the Council and his report touched on several ongoing and proposed projects in the City, including those mentioned above in items a through e.

2. Special Events Permits for Approval

- a. Who Dat's - Shrimp/Crawfish Boil (May 12)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for Who Dat's Shrimp/Crawfish Boil to be held on Saturday, May 12th from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on part of West Cedar Street.

Moved by: Reis	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
----------------	------------------	-----------------

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

- b. First Baptist Church - Columbia Baseball Camp (May 31)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the First Baptist Church - Columbia Baseball Camp to be held on Thursday, May 31st from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Columbia American Legion Park Ball Fields.

Moved by: Piazza	Second: Huch	Vote: Roll Call
------------------	--------------	-----------------

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

Niemietz Yea Mathews Absent

Motion Carried 7 To 0

c. July 4th Committee - Fireworks Display (July 4)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the 4th of July Fireworks Display & Picnic on Wednesday, July 4th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight at the Columbia American Legion Park.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

d. Bruce Roberts - Wedding (August 11)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Bruce Robert Wedding at the Gazebo at Metter Park on Saturday, August 11th from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

e. Immaculate Conception School - 5k Fun Run (August 25)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Immaculate Conception School Team ICS 5K Fun Run at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park on Saturday, August 25th from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Other Items

a. Approval for Unpaid Intern

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of unpaid intern, Adam Coonce of Columbia, 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. During his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on several items and projects.

2. Zoning Board of Appeals - Request for Zoning Amendment - Consider Adding Specific Uses Allowed and Special Uses in Certain Zoning Districts in the City of Columbia Zoning Code

See Ordinance No. 2949, Item 3 below.

3. An Ordinance to Allow a Call Center and College or University by Special Use Permit Only in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District and Allow a Call Center, College or University and Institute as Permitted Uses in a BP-2 Business Park Zoning District

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2949, An Ordinance to allow a Call Center and College or University by Special Use Permit only in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District and allow a Call Center, College or University and Institute as Permitted Uses in a BP-2 (Business Park) Zoning District in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Request to Hire Four (4) Summer Help Employees

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Nick Sondag and Eric Marlen of Columbia, Amber (Beth) Chartrand of Dupo, and Garrison Shields of Waterloo for the four (4) DOPW summer help positions, contingent upon the successful completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks, for each of these individuals.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Mr. Williams updated the Council on several ongoing projects including the South Main/Route 3 Intersection Improvement, water line improvements, the Police Communications Tower, the Columbia Lakes CUPs, the North Main Street Resurfacing Project and the Temple Street Sidewalk project.

D. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 3, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-eight thousand two hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-six cents (\$258,217.66).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through March 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager, Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,413,105.69. The balance is \$30,339.55 lower than the \$5,443,445.24 balance of February 29, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of March 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is four months (November, January, February and March) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$255,811.84 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through March 31, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson submitted two (2) ordinances under his report.

2. An Ordinance to Fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2950, An Ordinance to fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Piazza Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

- 3. 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 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2951, 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 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 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: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

- 1. Regular Session Minutes - April 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, April 23, 2012 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, April 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - April 9, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, April 9, 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 9, 2012 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - April 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, April 23, 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 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

3. Executive Session Minutes - April 23, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, April 23, 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, April 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 Abstention

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MAY 14, 2012

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:00 P.M. ITEP Grant Application Discussion; Storm Water Utility Fee Discussion

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:10 P.M. Operation of EMS Department Discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. Executive Session: Employment of Legal Counsel Discussion; Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Personnel - 7:30 P.M. Executive Session: Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages

Executive and Rules - 7:40 P.M. Committee Assignments Discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:33 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Piazza, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

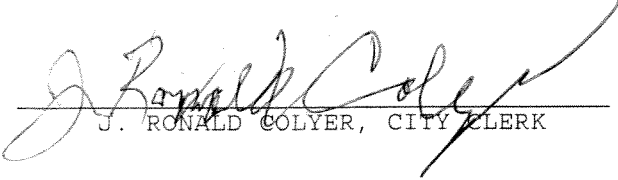
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 7, 2012 at 8:38 P.M.

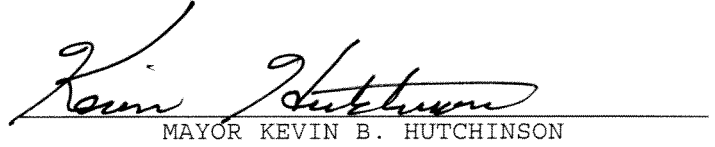
Moved by: Agne Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON