

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<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 J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney John Long	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald 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 type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey

**Joe Edwards, Chief of Police & Ambulance Director arrived at 7:35 P.M.

**Mark Weisman, Labor Attorney arrived at 7:35 P.M.

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Animal Shelter Appreciation Week - Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson presented a proclamation declaring November 4th through November 10th as "Animal Shelter Appreciation Week". Ms. Susan Walla was present to accept the proclamation.

B. National American Indian Heritage Month - The Proclamation was presented by the Mayor declaring November as a month to honor the National American Indian Heritage.

C. Veteran's Day Recognition

In his Veteran's Day Proclamation, Mayor Hutchinson paid tribute to all Veterans for their sacrifices and commitment to defend the freedoms of all United States Citizens.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, October 15, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 15, 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, October 15, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea Roessler Yea Reis Yea

Agne	Yea	Huch	Abstain
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, October 15, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Community & Economic Development

1. Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2012 - were presented by Director Paul Ellis.
2. Mr. Ellis updated the Council on the Archaeological Research to confirm the site of Piggot's Fort and the Plan Commission's continuing efforts to support "Aging in Place".
3. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2968, Which Provided 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, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2978, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2968, which provided 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, 2012 and Ending April 30, 2013. (Delete John Heater 08/06/12 - 04/30/15 and add Kelly Kessler 11/05/12 - 04/30/15)

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. An Ordinance to Authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to Fund Development of a Comprehensive Community Preservation Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2979, An Ordinance to authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to proceed with a grant application to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to fund development of a Comprehensive Community Preservation Plan.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. His report included updates on the concrete repairs in the Southwoods area, the Liberty and Washington Streets water main replacement, the Palmer/Ghent/Quarry Road Improvement Project, the Cherry Street Water Tank Painting Project, the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Inspection, the Cherry Street water line replacement and the Limb and Leaf Removal Project.

2. An Ordinance Amending Section 15.08.020 (Additions, Insertions and Changes) of Chapter 15.08 (Building Code) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois Regarding Roof Sheathing Materials

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2980, An Ordinance amending Section 15.08.020 (Additions, Insertions and Changes) of Chapter 15.08 (Building Code) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois regarding Roof Sheathing Materials.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Approval to Purchase Heavy Duty Rotary Cutter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a heavy duty rotary cutter from Mascoutah Equipment of Mascoutah, Illinois for \$12,750.00 per the bids received and as recommended by Tim Ahrens, Assistant City Engineer.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Approval to Purchase Salt Brine Spray Tank System

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a Salt Brine Spray Tank System from Knapheide Truck Equipment of St. Peters, Missouri for the low quote of \$10,864.00 as recommended by Tim Ahrens, Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Mr. Williams recommended the hiring of the Engineering Consultant Firm of Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen for the preliminary and construction engineering for the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project. It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Williams should proceed with his recommendation.

C. City Attorney

City Attorney John Long had no report.

D. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through November 1, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred twelve thousand sixty dollars and fifty-two cents (\$312,060.52).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through September 30, 2012 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,813,053.24. The balance is \$465,757.43 higher than the \$5,347,295.81 balance of August 31, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of September 30, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (July, August and September) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$185,278.61 due to the City of Columbia. Also, the City received \$483,999.73 of real estate tax distributions from Monroe and St. Clair Counties of which \$42,975.84 was transferred to the Police Pension Fund. (This fund cash balance is not included on the Statement of Funds.)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through September 30, 2012 as presented.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. A Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the Admiral Trost Tax Increment Financing Fund of the City the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 11-2012, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Working Cash Fund of the City to the Admiral Trost Tax Increment Financing Fund of the City the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

E. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council and asked if members had questions.

F. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his October 2012 monthly report to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 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, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 8, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, October 8, 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, October 8, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

C. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that all Electricity Aggregation Program Fees received from Homefield Energy be deposited into the City's Capital Development Fund.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that all Electricity Aggregation Program Fees received from Homefield Energy be deposited into the City's Capital Development Fund.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - October 29, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

D. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 29, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - October 29, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, October 29, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 13, 2012 (TUESDAY)

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:00 P.M. (i) to discuss Lakefield Place street light poles; (ii) to discuss Lakefield Place cul-de-sac damage

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:10 P.M. (i) Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission presentation on the Mississippian Mounds Project; (ii) Admiral Trost Development Park Funding Options Discussion

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:20 P.M. Tax Levy discussion; IML Risk Management Association Insurance Renewal; Capital Projects Financing discussion

Personnel - 7:30 P.M. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee - 7:40 P.M. Executive Session: Pending Litigation Settlement update/discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

B. Review/discussion of the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages discussion and review/discussion of the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct Mayor Hutchinson to go into Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages discussion and review/discussion of the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:42 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

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

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards be authorized to terminate Jason Sitzes as an employee of the city's EMS Department.

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

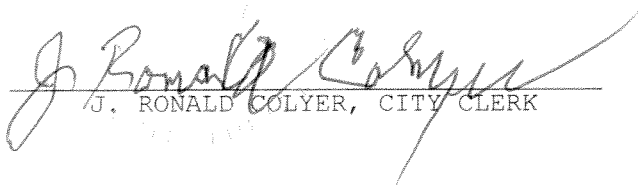
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 5, 2012 at 8:45 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0


 J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON