

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
APRIL 22, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: Columbia Fire Protection District Representatives: Fire Chief Mike Roediger and Captain Rod Fassel, as well as Board Member Glenn Stumpf (all left at 7:25 p.m.); Columbia residents Lindsey & Bobby Swacil and Christina and Brandon Hugyez (all residents left at 7:25 p.m.).

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) city sirens; (2) city server reconfiguration; (3) city electricity account analysis; and (4) any other items to be considered.

II. CITY SIRENS DISCUSSION

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon Lindsey Swacil, 221 S. Rapp, to address the Committee Members on this issue. Lindsey reiterated the comments made in her e-mail message of April 9, 2013 (a copy of which had previously been distributed to the Committee Members) about the sirens and asked the Committee Members to give consideration to reducing the siren testing (i.e., at noon and 6:00 p.m. daily) as well as reducing the hours they are activated on fire calls – her husband Bobby and neighbors, Christina and Brandon Hugyez, 217 S. Rapp, also made brief comments about the activation of the city sirens. Fire Chief Mike Roediger then addressed the Committee Members and stated that for fire calls, the sirens are only activated between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM; sometimes it's easier for the volunteer firemen to hear the sirens than receive the fire call via pager; the firefighters sometimes experience problems with the pagers; the sirens alert individuals on Columbia's streets that fire department volunteers will be traveling to the fire station; and that other local communities have different hours of activation of their fire sirens. Mike felt that the fire call sirens need to be continued

even if consideration is given to reducing the activation hours/testing schedule – he felt fire call activation hours should not be reduced to less than 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. During the presentations, all in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, including (i) could testing be reduced from twice daily to once a month on the emergency testing date used by other governmental agencies? – Police Chief Edwards is to check with Monroe County EMA on the regular monthly testing day; (ii) the entire Columbia Fire Protection Board should be advised of any planned change in the fire call sirens and be given the opportunity to express their opinions (Glenn Stumpf is to advise the Board at its May meeting of the items discussed at this meeting); and (iii) the implementation date of any changes (a date of June 1 was discussed) and how the public is to be notified. It was the general consensus of the Committee that (a) city staff obtain the monthly testing date information, and develop a plan to notify the public if changes are made; and (b) the Columbia Fire Protection District Board’s opinion on any reduction of siren activation hours be considered prior to making any changes.

III. SERVER RECONFIGURATION DISCUSSION

City Administrator Al Hudzik then reviewed documentation entitled “City of Columbia – Server Refresh Estimate” prepared by the city’s IT provider, REJIS Commission – he indicated that REJIS personnel met with the city’s department heads on March 28, 2013, to review the options available (to the city) to update its aging server network system. Three (3) options were discussed from server replacements (1 for 1), which would not really update the system and eventually lead to additional replacements, since Microsoft is phasing out its support (i.e., will be available for another year or so) on the system the city currently has, to a virtualized server replacement plan (either a phased or non-phased approach) – the cost of both the phased and non-phased approaches (which were deemed superior to a 1 for 1 replacement) approximated \$110,000 to \$120,000 (much of the cost is due to labor by REJIS personnel to convert to the new network system). Hudzik, with the concurrence of City Engineer Williams and Police Chief Edwards, indicated he felt (a) the upgrades were necessary due to the age of the current servers and future lack of support; and (b) that REJIS was the logical vendor to choose due to their knowledge of the city’s system – he also stated he would like to implement the non-phased approach if the city can find a way to pay for it (\$64,000 has been included in the FY 2013-2014 budget for the network reconfiguration). After some discussion on the current state of the city’s IT network and other expenses to be incurred due to the upgrade (e.g., internet speed will need to be increased), it was the general consensus of the Committee Members that city staff proceed with either the phased or non-phased approach, as outlined by REJIS.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Huch to recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to implement the city servers replacement program using virtualization through REJIS Commission in the phased or non-phased approach depending on funding availability. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY ELECTRICITY ACCOUNT ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

City Administrator Hudzik then updated the Committee Members on a meeting he attended on April 16th where employees of Good Energy gave an update on municipal electricity aggregation and offered their services to act as agent for cities and businesses (who do not qualify for municipal electricity aggregation due to their electricity usage) in analyzing and soliciting bids for electricity supply/gas supply. Hudzik reviewed an authorization document from Good Energy wherein the company would analyze the city's accounts and solicit bids – he (i) stated Attorney Doug Guenke had reviewed the document and that Doug suggested a few minor changes; and (ii) recommended that the city complete the authorization agreement with minor changes as discussed with legal counsel.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne and seconded by Alderman Reis to recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to sign the necessary documentation to appoint Good Energy, L.P., to analyze, present options and solicit bids pertaining to the city's electricity and natural gas usage, after consulting with the city's attorney. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

Chairman Ebersohl informed the Committee Members that the owner of property adjacent to the DOPW building recently passed away and the city has been contacted to see if it has any interest in purchasing the property. A general discussion was then held during which all in attendance were able to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions – it was the consensus of the Committee Members that consideration be given to the city purchasing said property and that city staff gather additional information (e.g., price, time frame, funds availability, process (by statute) of the purchase) and keep the Committee informed of its findings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:57 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

MINUTES OF THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:57 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler and Mathews.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Huch and Reis.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) parking on Bradington Drive near the Columbia Rehab and Nursing Center; (2) the condition of a portion of Valmeyer Road; and (3) any other items to be considered.

II. PARKING ON BRADINGTON DRIVE NEAR THE COLUMBIA REHAB & NURSING CENTER DISCUSSION

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Engineer Ron Williams to address the Committee/Council Members on this issue. Ron indicated that vehicles are being parked on Bradington Drive in front of the Columbia Rehab and Nursing Center much of the time even if open parking spaces are available in the parking lot – this makes it more difficult for traffic to travel in that area. Ron said he felt individuals parking their vehicles on Bradington were using the street for convenience and not due to necessity – Police Chief Edwards concurred with Ron’s assessment. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee/Council Members that city staff present an ordinance to the council prohibiting parking on both sides of Bradington Drive near the Columbia Rehab and Nursing Center – City Engineer Williams, in conjunction with Police Chief

Edwards, is to determine the length of the no parking area and include the description in the ordinance.

III. VALMEYER ROAD DISCUSSION

City Engineer Williams then distributed pictures of an area of Valmeyer Road (near D Road) that is sinking slightly – the pictures showed that barricades had been placed in that area to keep traffic off that portion of the road; Ron said the recent heavy rainfall probably caused the current road condition. He also informed the Committee/Council Members that the DOPW has addressed the sinking issue on that area of Valmeyer Road on several occasions, but it continues to sink. Williams feels a geotechnical expert should be contacted to investigate the road problem and recommended that he be given authority to solicit proposals for various options – it was the consensus of the Committee/Council Members that Ron solicit proposals (as recommended) and keep them updated on his findings.

IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OF DISCUSSED

Ron then addressed Committee Member's comments/questions pertaining to parking on E. Legion near Regions Bank and signage near the intersection of Briegel St. and Rueck Road.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Mathews to adjourn the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 22, 2013 at 8:13 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler and Mathews voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Agne called the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:13 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch and Mathews.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Agne stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review (1) vehicle parking on unpaved surfaces on private property; and (2) any other items to be considered.

**II. VEHICLE PARKING ON UNPAVED SURFACES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
DISCUSSION**

Chairman Agne opened the meeting and made reference to City Engineer Ron Williams' Memo (distributed prior to this meeting) re: Parking on Improved Surfaces – after briefly reviewing the Memo, he indicated the language deletion recommended by Williams seemed to address this issue as discussed in previous committee meetings.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to recommend to the City Council that city staff prepare the necessary documentation to revise Municipal Code Section 8.24.010 Item No. 25 (On Premises Parking) by deleting the words “of any front yard” when describing a parking violation.

Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

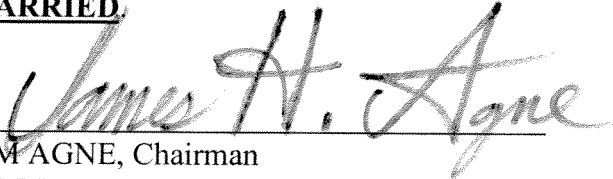
None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, April 22, 2013, at 8:18 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Agne and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Reis voted yea. **MOTION**

CARRIED.



JIM AGNE, Chairman

ORDINANCE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
APRIL 22, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Huch called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:18 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams (left at 8:30 p.m.), Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards (left at 8:30 p.m.) and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer (left at 8:20 p.m.).

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Huch stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees/specific employees; and (2) any other items to be considered.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Huch entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to go into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees/specific employees. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 8:37 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler. Other Council Members present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Agne, Mathews and Reis.

Chairman Huch asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council approval of employee salary and wage increases for non-union personnel, effective May 1, 2013, as discussed and detailed in Executive Session.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

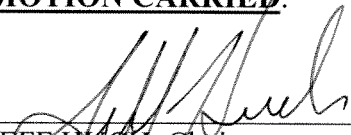
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, April 22, 2013 at 8:39 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.



JEFF HUCH, Chairman
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:



ALBERT G. HUDZIK, City Administrator