

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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	Holtkamp	<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 Tim Palen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Proclamation - Constitution Week

Florence Mulligan, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), gave a brief presentation to the Council regarding Constitution Week.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through September 23, 2013 as "Constitution Week".

Moved by: Huch Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Proclamation - Drive 4 Pledges Day

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass a proclamation proclaiming September 19, 2013 as "Drive 4 Pledges Day".

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. Sue Hezel (pen2paper) - Monroe County Barn Quilt Trail

Ms. Hezel informed the Council of a Monroe County Barn Quilt project that assists in preserving the County's agricultural and geographic history.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, August 5, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 5, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 5, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 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, Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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

Chief Edwards updated the Council on communication systematic problems that have been experienced by the Police Department. He outlined the problems and indicated that the supplier (Motorola) would incur the cost of supplying an antenna which would correct the problems and the City of Columbia would pay for the cost of installation. It was the consensus of the Council that Chief Edwards should proceed with the project.

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.

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage and City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. First Baptist Church - Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the First Baptist Church Variance Request as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Absent	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Huebner - Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Carol A. Huebner, Trustee/G & C Huebner Family Trust Variance Request as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Absent	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2013

Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer presented the August 12, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

Mr. Paul Ellis presented the Community & Economic Development Report to the City Council.

His report included the June 10, 2013 Heritage & Preservation Commission public hearing & regular meeting minutes, the process and costs for revising Columbia's Comprehensive Plan and noted that the annual Walk and Roll to school event will be held on October 9th.

1. Special Event Permit Application - Block Party (Columbia Lakes HOA III & IV)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Columbia Lakes HOA III & IV Block Party to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 (Rain Date September 22, 2013) on Micah's Way (close to a cul-de-sac) from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Special Event Permit Application - Who Dat's Shrimp Boil

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Who Dat's Shrimp Boil of Who Dat's Southern Food at 123 S. Main Street to be held on Saturday, August 24, 2013 (Rain Date September 21, 2013) on the Cedar Street - Side Area of Who Dat's from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. An Ordinance to Increase the Number of Members Serving on the City's Business Loan Review Committee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3052, an Ordinance to increase the number of members serving on the City's Business Loan Review Committee.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Ordinance to Declare James Piggot's Land Claim/Schneider Farmstead at 11562 Bluff Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3053, an Ordinance to declare James Piggot's land claim/Schneider farmstead at 11562 Bluff Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

In addition to proposed action items to be presented, Mr. Williams reported on the Cherry Street Improvement Project, the Valmeyer Road Bridge Project and noted that Valmeyer Road will be closed for a period of time, the FEMA Public Assistance grant application, indicated radar speed signs have been put in place and are operational and brought the Council up to date on the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project.

2. An Ordinance to Grant a Zoning Code Variance to First Baptist Church for Their Property Located at 1128 Valmeyer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Utilize Oil and Chip for the Driveway and Parking Lot for the New Church to be Constructed on the Property

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3054, an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to First Baptist Church for their property located at 1128 Valmeyer Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to utilize oil and chip for the driveway and parking lot for the new church to be constructed on the property.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. An Ordinance to Grant a Zoning Code Variance to G & C Family Trust for their Single Family Residential Property Located at 714 Rueck Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow the Retaining of Four (4) Accessory Buildings on a Lot in the Proposed Huebner Heights Subdivision Without Construction of a Main Building Having Commenced

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3055, an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to G & C Family Trust for their single family residential property located at 714 Rueck Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the retaining of four (4) accessory buildings on a lot in the proposed Huebner Heights Subdivision without construction of a main building having commenced.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval of Award MFT Bids

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal to furnish materials and approve the award of the 2013 MFT bids.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Action on Bids for Main Street Streetscape Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the bid for the Main Street Streetscape Project from Keller Construction of Glen Carbon in the amount of \$588,716.00.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

6. A Resolution Supporting the City of Columbia Applying to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for Developing and Constructing Phase II of the Main Street Enhancement Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 05-2013, a Resolution supporting the City of Columbia applying to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for developing and constructing Phase II of the Main Street Enhancement Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

H. City Attorney

1. No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 15, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seventy-six thousand fifty-nine dollars and seventeen cents (\$276,059.17).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. 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. 06-2013, 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: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Certain Electricity Accounts of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 07-2013, a Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for certain electricity accounts of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Mr. Hudzik announced that the next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd.

K. Mayor

1. 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, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3056, 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, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

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:	Niemietz	Second:	Reis	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Absent	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	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 - August 12, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, August 12, 2013 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, August 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - August 12, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, August 12, 2013 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, August 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

B. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Chief of Police Joe Edwards be authorized to recommend an individual to be hired as a part-time police officer (to replace one who recently resigned) pursuant to the city's established hiring standards for part-time police officers, as well as successful completion of a pre-employment physical and state and federal background checks.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Chief of Police Joe Edwards be authorized to recommend an individual to be hired as a part-time police officer (to replace one who recently resigned) pursuant to the city's established hiring standards for part-time police officers, as well as successful completion of a pre-employment physical and state and federal background checks.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - August 12, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 12, 2013 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, August 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - August 12, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 12, 2013 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, August 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. - (1) Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois "Homes on Parade" Discussion; (2) City Employees/Officials Memorials Discussion; and (3) Discussion of Process of Revising Columbia's Comprehensive Plan

Personnel - 7:10 P.M. - Executive Session on EMS Negotiations

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and employee wages.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining and employee wages.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Holtkamp		Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Absent	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	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 8:53 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis, Holtkamp 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

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:


It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 19, 2013 at 8:54 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0


 J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON