

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 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	Piazza	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input checked="" 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 Karin Callis

II. DELEGATION

A. Walk & Roll to School Day (Jane Haller, Sharon Redinger and Rachael Mathews)

Jane Haller, at the request of Sharon Redinger, outlined the background and benefits to students of walking to school and pedestrian traffic. It was noted that this is the sixth year of the "Walk & Roll to School Day".

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve the City of Columbia Proclamation that October 5, 2011 be "Walk & Roll to School Day" in Columbia and to invite community members to participate in activities recognizing that day.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 6, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

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

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

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

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Momentum Church - Zoning Board of Appeals Request

Request to be considered as Ordinance No. 2899 under the City Engineer's Report.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2011

Commissioner Karin Callis presented the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2011 to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development Report

The Community and Economic Development report was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Reifschneider's Grill & Grape - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Reifschneider's Grill & Grape Special Event Request (One Year Anniversary Party) to be held on East Voges Street (on the side of Reifschneider's) October 1st from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. contingent upon Insurance Compliance.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Halloween Hi-Jenks - Special Event Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Halloween Hi-Jenks Special Event Request for festivities to be held on Main Street - Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Mr. Ellis updated the Council on future activities that will be occurring in the City.

Mr. Ellis reminded the Council that the City would be recognized September 20th with an Active Living Award bestowed by Trailnet, a regional organization.

G. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

The City Engineer's report was presented to the City Council by Assistant Engineer Tim Ahrens.

2. Bids for 2011 Mini Hydraulic Excavator

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the bid of \$35,760.80 for the purchase of the 2011 Mini Hydraulic Excavator from Bobcat of St. Louis.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Ordinance Entering into an Agreement with IDOT for the Main Street Streetscape Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2896, An Ordinance to authorize an Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the construction of the Main Street Streetscape from Cedar Street to Cherry Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Ordinance Reaffirming the Annexation Agreement with Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2897, An Ordinance Reaffirming Ordinance No. 2890 adopted on September 6, 2011 entering into an Annexation Agreement with the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code to Allow an Indoor Shooting Range as a Special Use in the A-1, Agricultural District

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2898, An Ordinance to allow an Indoor Shooting Range by Special Use Permit only in an A-1 (Agricultural District) in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

6. Ordinance to Allow Churches by Special Use Permit Only in a BP-2 (Business Park) Zoning District

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2899, An Ordinance to allow Churches by Special Use Permit only in a BP-2 (Business Park) Zoning District in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

7. Mr. Ahrens updated the Council on various City Projects being conducted by the Department of Public Works.

H. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 15, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seven thousand, six hundred seven dollars and forty-four cents (\$207,607.44).

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik noted that he had no formal report but would respond to questions by Council members.

K. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of August, 2011 to the City Council.

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	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	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. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to revise Section 17.40.010 (Special Use Exceptions, Requirements and Procedures) of the Municipal Code by adding the following item to Requirement Designation u. (Other Authority Approval Required) of the Requirements Section: u.3. National Rifle Association (NRA) standards or similar standards approved by the City Council.

Motion taken care of previously in the meeting by Ordinance No. 2898.

- 2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council to move forward based on the concept plans presented for the Columbia Lakes area Community Unit Plans (i) North (dated May 18, 2011 and showing 210 Total Units); and (ii) South (dated September 2, 2011 and showing 72 Total Units), which Community Unit Plans are to be governed by one or more cooperation agreement(s).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded for the City Council to move forward based on the concept plans presented for the Columbia Lakes area Community Unit Plans (i) North (dated May 18, 2011 and showing 210 Total Units); and (ii) South (dated September 2, 2011 and showing 72 Total Units), which Community Unit Plans are to be governed by one or more cooperation agreement(s).

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

Motion Carried 5 to 2

- 3. Regular Session Minutes - September 12, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 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, September 12, 2011 as corrected and on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

- 4. Executive Session Minutes - September 12, 2011

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 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, September 12, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

B. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 12, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 12, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 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, September 12, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - September 12, 2011

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 12, 2011 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, September 12, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

B. Review/Discussion of Personnel issues

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for an update/discussion on pending litigation and a review/discussion of Personnel issues.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for an update/discussion on pending litigation and a review/discussion of Personnel issues.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	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 8:01 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Absent
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	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.

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

1. MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City accept the investigative report submitted by Katherine L. Nash, attorney with the firm of Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt, dated September 8, 2011, into working condition allegations.

Moved by: Huch Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City Administrator be authorized to send the closing letters drafted by Mark Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, notifying the individuals involved of the conclusion of the investigation (by Katherine L. Nash) into their working condition allegations.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards be authorized to terminate Michelle Wrigley as an employee of the city's EMS Department effective September 20, 2011, in the absence of a voluntary resignation from Michelle Wrigley.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

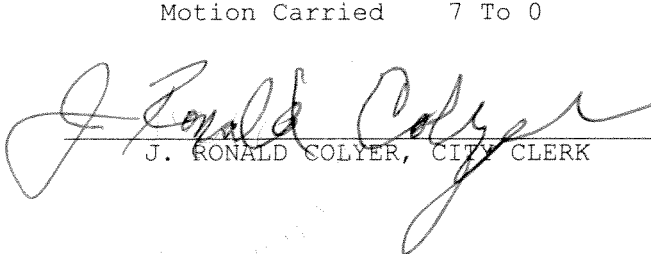
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

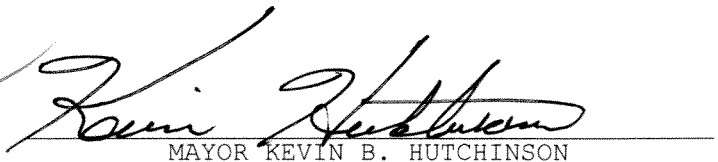
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 19, 2011 at 8:03 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON