

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:22 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, City Attorney Tom Adams, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Engineer Ron Williams, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, and Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 17, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 17, 2008, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 17, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken. Mayor Hutchinson stated if Alderman Unnerstall wants to add a discussion regarding the Committee of the Whole meeting, then both sides of the discussion should be included. Alderman Unnerstall stated he had no problem with that. Mayor Hutchinson requested the City Clerk listen to that part of the meeting, amend the minutes accordingly, and redistribute to the Council for approval at the next Council meeting.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Fire Department

The monthly report of the Fire Marshall was presented to the Council.

B. City Engineer

The report of the City Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Petroleum Products Proposals

Mr. Jay Riddle of R & M Oil and Supply informed the Council that his company contributes \$147,000.0 in sales tax to the City each year and Gateway FS tax dollars go to Randolph County. Alderman Row inquired

if these bids were informal quotes, or the result of advertised bids. Mr. Williams answered the bids were received as the result of an advertisement. Alderman Niemietz stated the City is obligated to accept the lowest bid since the bids were acquired through a formal bid process.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to reject the low bid submitted by Gateway FS, Inc. and accept the higher bid of .13 (for 89 octane unleaded gasoline, off road diesel, and highway diesel) submitted by R & M Oil & Supply for supplying petroleum products to the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Hejna and Stumpf voted yea. Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, and Oberkfell voted nay. Motion Failed.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the low bid of .105 (for 89 octane unleaded gasoline, off road diesel, and highway diesel) submitted by Gateway FS, Inc. for supplying petroleum products to the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Rotary Mower Bids

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the low bid of \$8,250.00 submitted by Suchomski Equipment for a new rotary mower. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Portable Generator Retrofit

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Oberkfell, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the low bid of \$820.50 submitted by Butler for a 30' generator cable, and to accept the low bid of \$2,380.80 submitted by Frost Electric for a Crouse Hinds male plug for the portable generator. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance 2639 - Oates Associates, Inc.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2639, an ordinance employing Oates Associates, Inc. of Collinsville, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Carl Street improvements. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

5. DOPW Building Garage Door Bids

Mr. Williams stated the garage door bids were solicited and not acquired through a posted advertisement.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the bid of \$9,635.00 submitted by Electro Door Systems, Inc. for the bay doors for the new DOPW building. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Alderman Oberkfell voted nay. Motion Carried.

6. Motor Fuel Tax Bids

Mr. Williams informed the Council he had discussed the use of a product called novachip for resurfacing non-concrete streets having curb and gutter, however, the cost to use this product would deplete the City's MFT funds, so recommends the Council proceed with it's standard road maintenance program.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and proceed with the MFT Road Maintenance Program as proposed, utilizing oil and chip. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

7. Street Light Lens Change-out

Mr. Williams informed the Council that he had discussed a change-out of lens to the brighter lenses for all the traffic lights in Columbia with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mr. Williams explained in the past the cost was shared 50/50 with IDOT, however, the lights are \$125,000 each and the city would have to initiate the bid process. Mr. Williams stated this is not a feasible project and the City will stay with the existing lenses.

C. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council.

D. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

E. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2640 - Acquire Multiple Purpose Easements

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to pass Ordinance No. 2640, an ordinance approving a Multiple Purpose Easement from the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Columbia, Illinois and the Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Belleville, Illinois for right of way at the Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery on Cherry Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois for the City of Columbia, Illinois Old Town Renovation Project and to authorize the Mayor to execute, and the City Attorney to record the same for, and on behalf, of the City. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Resolution No. 23-2007 - Bond Issue

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Resolution No. 23-2007, a resolution directing the sale of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), General Obligation Capital Project and Refunding Bonds (Public Utility Taxes Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Aldermen Hejna and Oberkfell voted nay. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2641 - Adopt BOCA Code

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to pass Ordinance No. 2641, an ordinance amending Section 15.08.010 (Building Code Adoption) of Chapter 15.08 (Building Code) and Chapter 15.09 (Residential Property Maintenance Code) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to adopt and incorporate the 2006 editions of Various International Building Codes, as amended, as in this ordinance made and provided. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance Prohibiting Use/Consumption Of Groundwater

Alderman Oberkfell inquired if the affected property owners have been contacted. Mr. Williams stated only those property owners who had drilling done on their property by EMI. Alderman Unnerstall stated he would like to defer any action on this ordinance until the property owners are notified.

F. EMS Department

1. EMT-B Employment Requests

Alderman Stumpf stated he would like to discuss the new hires in Committee before taking action on their employment. This item was subsequently referred to the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee and the Personnel Committee.

2. EMT-P - Ron Dell

Alderman Oberkfell inquired if employing Mr. Ron Dell as an EMT-P would create a conflict of interest for Mr. Dell because of his association with the Village of Dupon. Mr. Adams stated no.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the EMS Director and the Part Time Assistant EMS Director and employ Mr. Ron Dell as a part-time EMT-P. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. Street Graphics Committee/Architectural Review Board

1. CVS Pharmacy Building Material Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board and grant a Building Material Variance to CVS Pharmacy allowing the use of "cast brick" as a building material. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. CVS Pharmacy Sign Variance Request

Alderman Oberkfell stated he was not in agreement with the marquee sign for this development to prevent an influx in variances for square footage for individual signs and this variance request is requesting 276 sq. feet in signage, which exceeds the allowable sq. feet by 176 sq. feet. Alderman Niemietz inquired how this compares to Walgreen's signage. Mr. Holden stated it is comparable and added that Walgreen's has a 20' pole sign. Mayor Hutchinson stated the street graphics sign code was not designed as one size fits all, which is why the City has a sign variance procedure. Alderman Oberkfell stated the proposed signage looks like a Walgreen's. Alderman Unnerstall stated he

thought the marquee sign for the entire development was done to eliminate the need for pole signs and sign variances.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the Street Graphics Advisory Committee and grant a Sign Variance to CVS Pharmacy as requested providing for a 42 sq. ft. monument sign and two wall signs with a total of 234 sq. feet. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Oberkfell voted nay. Motion Carried.

H. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Quality Collision Special Use Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant a Special Use Permit to Quality Collision to allow the sale of pre-owned cars between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Friday, with no more than 10 cars across the front of the lot, and no wrecked cars within 30' of the street. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. CVS Pharmacy Variance Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant a Variance to CVS Pharmacy allowing the front of the building to be located on the Admiral Parkway (Rt. 3) side of the lot instead of the front lot line, which would be Admiral Trost Road. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. CVS Pharmacy Special Use Request

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant a Special Use Permit to CVS Pharmacy allowing them to construct a pharmacy drive-thru facility. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

I. Administration Department

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council.

1. Recycle Day

Mr. Traxler provided an update for the annual Recycle Day program.

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 3, 2008; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred fifty-two thousand, one hundred six dollars, and forty-six cents (\$252,106.46). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Statement of Funds

The Statement of Funds for the month of February 2008 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the Statement of Funds for the month of February 2008 as presented and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Columbia Crossing Update

An update on the legal fees and consulting fees for the Columbia Crossing litigation was presented to the Council.

B. Programmatic Agreement

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if the council wanted Mr. Adams, or Mr. Skigen to review the Programmatic Agreement. Alderman Unnerstall stated he would like Mr. Skigen to review the Programmatic Agreement prior to the Council taking any actions.

Alderman Ebersohl distributed a copy of an article regarding the Chesterfield TIF and how they retired that TIF ten years early. Alderman Unnerstall stated he wishes we could retire our current TIF District ten years early.

Alderman Unnerstall stated he saw the notice for the Programmatic Agreement in the newspaper on April 6, 2008 and inquired if it was also in the March 19, 2008 paper. Mayor Hutchinson stated this would need to be confirmed.

Alderman Hejna inquired as to who had placed the notice. Mayor Hutchinson stated this is being handled by SCI, the engineering firm handling the proposed interchange project. Alderman Unnerstall inquired as to why SCI is handling this and not the Federal Highway Department, indicating this just adds to the costs of the tax payers. Mayor Hutchinson stated the Federal Highway Department is part of the process. Alderman Oberkfell inquired if Mr. Skigen approved the Council taking action on the Programmatic Agreement. Alderman Unnerstall cautioned the Council this might be protected under client/attorney privileged information.

Alderman Niemietz stated that if the City loses this litigation, the \$2,500,000.00 is just on the surface of expenses and this litigation could bankrupt the City.

C. Library Board Appointment - Dan Brutton

Mayor Hutchinson stated he would entertain a motion from one of the previous no votes to appoint Mr. Brutton as a member of the Library Board. There was no motion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget

Alderman Niemietz stated she will not support the proposed budget because the \$15,000.00 for the 2009 Celebration Committee has been removed. Mr. Traxler stated Alderman Hejna recommended it be removed during the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, March 31, 2009. Alderman Row stated the \$15,000.00 needs to be added back into the budget, as well as the \$20,000.00 for the Senior Nutrition Center subsidy. Alderman Oberkfell stated the original request by Western Egyptian for \$8,000.00 for the Senior Nutrition Center was acceptable, but the additional \$20,000.00 is not according to the previous decision by the Council. Mayor Hutchinson stated the \$20,000.00 the City would spend on the center is pennies on the dollar for the service that is received by members of the community.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and post for public viewing the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and to include \$20,000.00 for the Senior Nutrition Site and \$10,000.00 for the 2009 Celebration Committee in the budget. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted nay. Aldermen Unnerstall and Hejna voted yea. Motion Failed.

Alderman Row stated it was his understanding the entire Council had previously agreed to \$15,000.00 for the 2009 Celebration budget. Alderman Hejna stated the Chamber of Commerce has already pledged \$10,000.00 for the celebration.

Alderman Niemietz stated she is still going to vote no for the proposed budget because it contains \$350,000.00 for litigation fees and can not support trading City services for this litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Row, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and post for public viewing the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and to include \$20,000.00 for the Senior Nutrition Site and \$15,000.00 for the 2009 Celebration Committee. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Agne, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Aldermen Ebersohl and Niemietz voted nay. Motion Carried.

**VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee

Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, January 28, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Mr. Hoeffken stated he has reviewed both versions of the minutes and recommends his Deputy Clerk incorporate details from both sets into a new set of minutes for the final minutes. Alderman Hejna stated she is comfortable with the original set, especially since the Mayor has not provided any corrections, and does not think it makes sense to have a highly compensated employee work overtime to create a new set of minutes.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Hejna, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, January 28, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, and Niemietz voted nay. Motion Carried.

B. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, March 10, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. Resolution No. 24-2007 - Support Senate Bill 2052

Alderman Row stated he would support the resolution if the vote for the sales tax is put to a referendum vote of the people. Mayor Hutchinson stated the proposed bill authorizes the county to enact the .25% sales tax without voter approval. Mayor Hutchinson also stated Monroe County will only be responsible for \$800,000.00 of approximately \$13,000,000.00 of improvements. Alderman Oberkfell inquired how many other municipalities in Monroe County are supporting this bill, besides Hecker, if this is a unified effort. Mayor Hutchinson stated there were twenty municipalities and all three Counties present for a meeting to discuss the bill, but the only municipality from Monroe County was Columbia. Alderman Unnerstall stated he is looking at this bill from a taxpayer's perspective and cannot support anything that is taking money out of someone's pocket

without giving them a say in the matter. Alderman Agne stated he has a concern about obligating all of the citizens of Columbia to pay for a select few who are impacted by the levee decertification. Mayor Hutchinson stated there is one business in the impacted area that contributes over \$200,000.00 in sales tax to the City.

Mr. Daryl Cates stated while it might be okay to think the decertification of the levees impact 70 residents, but if the levee had failed in 1993, Shadycreek Nursery and The Market Place would have been under water, along with the Gedern and Wilson Hills subdivisions. Alderman Row stated he doesn't have a problem supporting the cause, but doesn't feel he has the right to support a sales tax increase. Alderman Stumpf stated both Carr Creek and Wilson Creek freely flow in the Mississippi River. Alderman Unnerstall stated he is not saying let the levees fail, but thinks the voters should have a right to decide.

Mr. John Traube stated his business employs 100 people who would be unable to work if the levee failed. Alderman Niemietz stated some of the Aldermen are being short sighted since this issue affects the entire region and said this is no different then a married couple who elects not to have children not paying 66% of their real estate taxes to the school district. Alderman Niemietz added we are a community and need to take care of one another.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Resolution No. 24-2007, a resolution supporting Senate Bill 2052, the Flood Protection District Act. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell and Stumpf voted nay. Motion Failed.

2. Tri-County Levee Task Force

Alderman Row stated he is voting yes on this item because it impacts thousands of people. Alderman Unnerstall stated he is voting against the funding of the Task Force because Columbia is the only municipality in the Metro-East that is participating financially and this sets a bad precedence, especially since 2/3 of the property impacted is in the County. Alderman Oberkfell stated it would be a good faith gesture if the Levee District contributed the 50% being asked of Columbia. Mayor Hutchinson explained that compared to Madison and St. Clair counties, Monroe is a much smaller county and does not have the same financial ability as the other two counties.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to support the Tri-County Levee Task Force and authorize the contribution of \$12,000.00 which represents 50% of the participation fee for Monroe County. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, and Stumpf voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall, Hejna, and Oberkfell voted nay. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 10, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Fire Department Committee

Minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.



D. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, March 17, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 17, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee

Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, March 24, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to approve the minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, March 24, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Row abstained since they were not present for the meeting. Motion Carried.

F. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole and the Executive Session of the Committee Of The Whole meetings held Monday, March 24, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Oberkfell, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee Of The Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 24, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Row abstained since they were not present for the meeting. Motion Carried.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 24, 2008 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Row abstained since they were not present for the meeting. Motion Carried.

G. Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee

Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, March 31, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to approve the minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, March 31, 2008 as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, March 31, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

1. Concrete Street Aprons

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the bid of \$9,910 submitted by KDO, Inc and the bid of \$12,816.00 submitted by Roessler Ready-Mix for the installation of concrete street aprons off Main Street at McKee Street, Gundlach Street, and Voges Street. Upon Roll Call Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

I. Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee

Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, March 31, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Stumpf, and seconded by Alderman Row, to approve the minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, March 31, 2008 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

**IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Monday, April 14, 2008

7:00 PM - Joint Meeting - Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch  
- Personnel

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Row, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 11:02 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 11:24 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

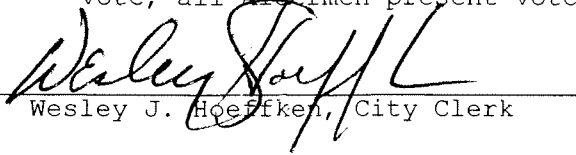
Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session. There was none.

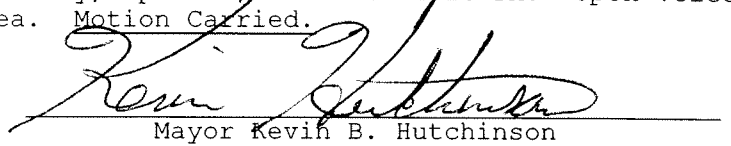
Alderman Hejna stated she had sent an email to Chief Edwards and received a note back that he would be out of the office until June. Alderman Hejna then inquired as to why Chief Edwards was out so long, where he was, and who authorized his absence. Mayor Hutchinson stated Chief Edwards had been invited to attend the FBI Police Chief training and would be attending the program until mid-June. Alderman Hejna inquired as to who was paying for the training. Mayor Hutchinson stated the FBI pays for the training and housing, and the only cost was mileage for the trip. Alderman Hejna stated she was unaware of this. Mr. Traxler stated an email was sent out in November informing the Council about the invitation, and explained this was a very prestigious opportunity. Alderman Hejna inquired if the notification to the Aldermen was a special email. Mr. Traxler stated the email was sent in November.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 7, 2008 at 11:26 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

  
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Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson