

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MAY 20, 2019 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 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

Ebersohl	Present	Agne	Present
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Present
Huch	Present	Holtkamp	Present
Martens	Present	Riddle	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	Interim City Administrator Al Hudzik
City Attorney Luke Behme	Chief of Police Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Accounting Manager/City Treasurer Linda Sharp
Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon	Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht	Head Librarian Annette Bland

**II. Delegations / Public Comments**

There were no delegations or public comments.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 6, 2019 were submitted for approval.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 6, 2019 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Abstain	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

Alderman Roessler abstained because he was not present for the May 6, 2019 meeting.

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

**A. Library**

The report of the Library was presented to the Council.

**B. Police and Communications**

The reports of the Police Department and the Communications Department were presented to the Council.

**1. Hire Clay Polmann as Full Time Police officer**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Chief of Police and employ Clay Polmann as a Full Time Police Officer contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**Roll Call vote results:**

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

**C. Emergency Medical Services**

The report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

**D. Community Development**

The report of Community Development was presented to the Council.

**1. Special Event – Sheltered Reality – Top Shooter Food Truck**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Sheltered Reality – Top Shooter Food Truck as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**Voice vote results:**

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

**2. Special Event – Chris Egelston Magic Show**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Chris Egelston Magic Show as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

3. Special Event – Juggling Jeff

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Juggling Jeff as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

4. Special Event – Game Truck Party

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Game Truck Party as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

5. Special Event – Fireworks Display and Picnic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Fireworks Display and Picnic as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

6. Special Event – Wild Times Exotics

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Wild Times Exotics as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

7. Special Event – Laser Tag and Nerf Gun Wars

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Laser Tag and Nerf Gun Wars as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

8. Special Event – Ralph’s World

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Ralph’s World as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

E. City Engineer/Public Works

The report of the City Engineer and the Public Works Department was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 2019-11 – Main Street Improvements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 2019-11, a resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the Main Street Improvement Project. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

F. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 16, 2019 in the amount of two hundred eighty-five thousand, three hundred sixty-four dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$285,364.88). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through Tuesday, April 30, 2019 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

G. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

H. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

I. City Administrator

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

1. City Administrator Applicants

Mr. Hudzik explained the due date for applications for the City Administrator position has expired and 29 applications were received. Mr. Hudzik then explained he and Alderman Huch are reviewing the applications and will identify the 10 top applicants; information on the top 10 will then be distributed to the remaining members of the Personnel Committee and the top 5 will be identified to be interviewed. The initial interviews will be conducted by Mr. Hudzik and 2 members of the Personnel Committee; the top 3 candidates from the initial interviews will subsequently be interviewed by the entire Council.

2. Good Energy Meeting

Mr. Hudzik reported he will be attending a meeting on Wednesday hosted by Good Energy to address the aggregated electric rate for the City.

J. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3463 – Fill Offices of Appointed City Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No.3463, an ordinance to fill the Offices of Appointed City Officers for the Fiscal Year of the City commencing May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

2. Resolution No. 2019-12 – City Attorney Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Resolution No. 2019-12, a resolution approving a Fee Agreement with the law firm of Bruckert, Gruenke & Long, P.C. as City Attorney for the City of Columbia, Illinois, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute said Fee Agreement. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

**V. Old Business**

1. City Attorney Fee Bids

Alderman Martens inquired about soliciting bids for legal services and inquired as to the proper time to explore requesting bids for this and other professional services provided to the City. Mayor Hutchinson stated it was previously agreed to review the cost of insurance without changing coverage sometime during the next year. Mayor Hutchinson also stated the Council can request bids for any services, but the City Attorney fees have not changed over the past several years.

2. Parking at Intersections

Alderman Niemietz inquired about the parking of cars too close to the intersection of roads off Main Street making it difficult to see when pulling onto Main Street. Chief Paul stated the Police Department had previously sent out a directive and with the number of new officers he can resend the directive. Mr. Smith stated that he and Mr. Sander are already reviewing the painting of curbs once summertime employees are on board. Chief Paul stated that during the streetscape discussions it was agreed to not paint the curbs. Alderman Ebersohl stated worse case no parking here to corner signs could be posted.

**VI. New Business**

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

**VII. Report of Standing Committees**

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Datacenter Upgrade Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and award the Datacenter Center Upgrade project bid to CDW-G at a cost of \$36,962.00. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

B. Executive and Rules Committee

1. City Council Standing Committee Appointments – Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Executive and Rules Committee and approve the City Council Standing Committee appointments for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be addressed in Executive Session. There was none.

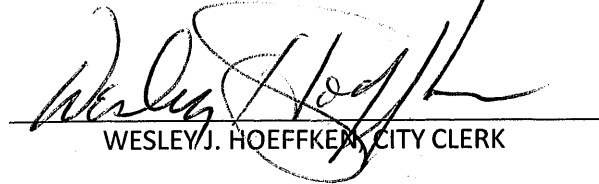
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:29 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Martens	Yea	Riddle	Yea		

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON