

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois  
held Monday, October 07, 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	Absent	Agne	Present	Niemietz	Absent	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	City Administrator Douglas Brimm
City Attorney Luke Behme	Chief of Police Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Dir. of Community Dev. Scott Dunakey
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht	IT Support Mgr James Mitchell

**II. Delegations and Public Comments**

A. Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to Kay Clemons.

B. Recognition of City Administrator – Albert Hudzik

Mayor Hutchinson recognized Mr. Al Hudzik for his service as Interim City Administrator.

C. Dottie Biondo – Brockland Rezoning

Dottie Biondo addressed the Council regarding the proposed rezoning of a lot owned by, and adjacent to, the Brockland dealership. Ms. Biondo expressed concern about the possible negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood and requested the Council table any action until a light and sound study is conducted.

D. Safe City Designation

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that on October 27, 2019 BackgroundChecks.org published its annual report of the safest cities in each U.S. State, and in Illinois, only communities with a population in excess of 10,000 are considered. Mayor Hutchinson added that using the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics and US Census Data BackgroundChecks.org analyzes the number of violent crimes per 1,000 population, and the number of law enforcement employees per 1,000 population to create a composite safety index score. Mayor Hutchinson then recognized the efforts of Chief Paul and the Columbia Police Department personnel as Columbia was named the 12<sup>th</sup> safest city out of 2,929 cities considered in Illinois.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 16, 2019 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 16, 2019 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, September 16, 2019 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, September 16, 2019 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Police Department

1. New Hire – Andrew Allen as Full Time Police Officer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of Chief Paul and hire Andrew Allen as a full time Police Officer contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Community Development

The report of the Community Development Department was presented to the Council.

1. Special Event – Columbia Sons of the American Legion Honor-Que

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Columbia Sons of the American Legion Honor-Que as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

2. Special Event – Who Dat’s Shrimp and Crab Boil

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Who Dat’s Shrimp and Crab Boil as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

3. Ordinance No. 3473 – Amend Title 18 of Municipal Code (Fees and Charges)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3473, an ordinance amending Title 18 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code updating certain Fees and Charges to be assessed for City Services and Business Licenses. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Ordinance No. 3474 – Amend Title 2 of Municipal Code (Park & Recreation Board)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and

approve Ordinance No. 3474, an ordinance amending Title 2 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code establishing a Park & Recreation Advisory Board. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Ordinance No. 3475 – Amend Official Zoning Map (Budnick Property)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3475, an ordinance approving an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Columbia, Illinois from C-3 Highway Business District to BP-2 Business Park District for property having the Monroe County Parcel Identification Number 04-21-133-022-000 and a portion of property having the Monroe County Parcel Identification Number 04-21-100-005-000. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

6. Ordinance No. 3476 – Amend Official Zoning Map (Brockland Property)

Mr. Dunakey stated that between the Committee of the Whole and today he has only received a single phone call from Ms. Biondo regarding the rezoning. Mr. Dunakey added the current agreement does prohibit pole mounted lighting. Alderman Agne stated he would not support the current request until a planting plan is submitted that includes dense planting. Alderman Huch stated he will not support the rezoning until a more definitive use for the property is presented to the City. Alderman Roessler expressed concern the residents were unaware of the rezoning request prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting and added the lot currently serves as a natural buffer between the commercial and residential properties. Mr. Dunakey explained the excavation that would need to transpire in order to develop the property to meet the grade of the current commercial property. Alderman Roessler questioned the need to rush any action by the Council without knowing the potential use for the property. Mayor Hutchinson stated it would be in the best interest of the City to table any action on the proposed ordinance.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to table Ordinance No. 3476, an ordinance approving an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Columbia, Illinois from R-5 One-Family Dwelling District to C-3 Highway Business District for

property having the Monroe County Parcel Identification Number 04-05-434-008-000.  
Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

7. Ordinance No. 3477 – Grant Special Use Permit

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3477, an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to allow a Residential Duplex on property zoned C-2 (General Business) located at 115 North Metter Avenue, Columbia, Illinois, having a Monroe County Parcel Identification Number 04-15-368-001-000. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

C. City Engineer/Public Works

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

1. Ordinance No. 3478 – Approve Storm Sewer Easement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Riddle, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3478, an ordinance approving a Storm Sewer Easement for Lot 7 of the Briarhill Subdivision. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

D. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through October 3, 2019 in the amount of three hundred seventy-seven thousand, eight hundred fifty-nine dollars and seventy-six cents (\$377,859.76). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

G. City Administrator

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

H. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

**Monday, October 14, 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.

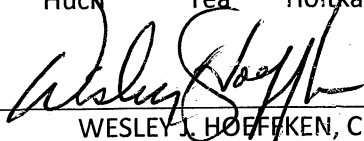
X. Adjournment

Motion:

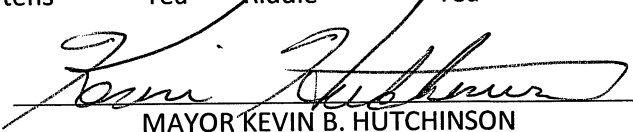
It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, October 07, 2019 at 7:31 P.M. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON