

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009 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 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Row	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Roessler	<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 Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<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

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATION

A. German Heritage Days Proclamation

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson welcomed a contingent of elected officials from Gedern, Germany, Columbia's Sister City. Mayor Hutchinson read and then presented our City's German guests a proclamation declaring October 2nd thru October 11th to be German Heritage Days in recognition of the lasting influence of German citizens upon our culture and way of life and appointing Stefan Betz-Mayor of Gedern as Honorary Mayor of Columbia.

B. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson proclaimed October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness month and recognized the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois for their efforts to reduce domestic violence in our community.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 21, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 21, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, September 21, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, September 21, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Community and Economic Development

The Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik with the primary topic being the Main Street Façade Guidelines.

1. Main Street Façade Guidelines

It was moved and seconded to approve the Main Street Façade Guidelines.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. City Engineer's Report

The monthly report of the City Engineer/Department of Public Works was presented to the Council by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Approval of Location of Bulk Water Sales Facility

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the construction of a bulk water sales facility in the Admiral Trost Development Subdivision on City owned property at the end of Parkway Drive.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Devenport and Crimm Driveways in Old Town Project

Homeowner Jeff Devenport appeared before the Council and discussed his concerns with the driveway at his residence (as part of the Old Town Project). After considerable discussion regarding costs, slopes of the driveway and other concerns, the Council sent the issue back to the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee.

4. Request to Waive Building Permit Fees for Veterans Memorial

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to waive any fees associated with the building permit needed for the Veterans Memorial construction in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Attorney

Nothing to report.

D. Administration Department

1. Ordinance to Enter Into a Letter of Agreement with St. Elizabeth's Hospital Occupational Medicine - Monroe County Medical Building to Provide Pre-Employment Physicals

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2746, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to enter into a Letter of Agreement with St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Belleville, Illinois to provide pre-employment physical examinations, testing and medical services as requested by the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik briefly covered two items: 1) the time frame for testing regarding Ordinance No. 2746; and 2) an update on a proposed land acquisition for the City.

E. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

2. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem (October 9 - 21, 2009)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro-Tem from October 9th to October 21st, 2009.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Abstain	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with one abstention

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through October 1, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred ninety-eight thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars, and seventy cents (\$298,278.70).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PTA Request to Close McDannold Drive on October 9th, 2009

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Columbia PTA Request to Close McDannold Drive on October 9th, 2009 for their annual Fall Festival.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Request to Close a Portion of Micah's Way for Annual Street Party

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to close a portion of Micah's Way for their Annual Street Party on Saturday, October 10th from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 14, 2009

The tabled Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication, and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - October 12, 2009

- 7:00 PM - Refuse Collection and Recycling
- 7:10 PM - Committee of the Whole
- 7:20 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities
- 7:30 PM - Personnel

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

- 1. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries.
- 2. Land Acquisition

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for (1) the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and (2) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:13 P.M. for (1) the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and (2) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:41 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, Roessler 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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 5, 2009 at 8:44 P.M.

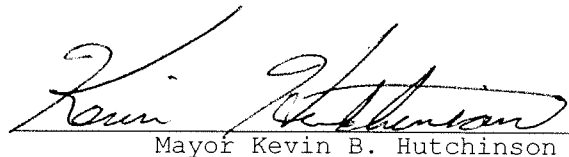
Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Absent	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0



 J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



 Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson