

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of the City 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATIONS

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of March 1, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 1, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 1, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library Report - Monthly Report

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

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

1. The monthly reports were presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.
2. Swearing in of Officer Jared Reddick

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson presided over the swearing in of Jared Reddick, the newest member of the Columbia Police Department.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

The EMS report was given by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

D. Fire Department - Monthly Report

Fire Chief Mike Roediger presented the department's monthly report.

E. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

Building Inspector Alan Holden presented the monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department.

F. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2010 were presented to the Council by Commissioner Edith Dean.

G. Community & Economic Development

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

1. Ordinance to Provide for Appointment of Members of the Warderman Trust Commission of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2769, An Ordinance to Provide for Appointment of Members of the Warderman Trust Commission of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Niemietz		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Ordinance to Authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois State Historic Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) to Fund Cataloging and Preservation of Various Documents of Historic Value.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2770, an Ordinance to Authorize the Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Columbia, Illinois to Proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois State Historic Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) to Fund Cataloging and Preservation of Various Documents and Historic Value.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Oberkfell		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Mr. Ellis provided the Council with another update on the Miller-Fiege Home. He indicated that roof bids were being considered and that he favored a metal roof rather than a shingle roof.
4. Status Report on Monroe County Welcome Center (Shoemaker School Restoration)

Mr. Ellis provided the Council with another update on the progress of the Shoemaker School Restoration Project and reminded the Council of the March 22nd Open House and Public Hearing to be held at the Shoemaker School Site and to be hosted by the Columbia Heritage and Preservation Commission.

H. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Ordinances Entering into Agreements for Limb and Leaf Removal Services

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2771, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to employ All Type Tree Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to perform **Limb Removal Services** in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Hejna		Second: Oberkfell		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Nay
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 1

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2772, An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to employ All Type Tree Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to perform **Leaf Removal Services** in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Hejna		Second: Niemietz		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Nay
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 1

3. Mr. Williams updated the Council on the progress of the Old Town Project.
4. Mr. Williams indicated that bids for the Library roof project are due to be received on March 25th.

I. City Attorney

City Attorney Tom Adams addressed a proposed Ordinance for Conditional Approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois and a Resolution to Approve a Second Preliminary Subdivision Plat for the Grandview Bluff Estates Subdivision located in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe and State of Illinois.

The proposed ordinance and the proposed resolution were referred to the Plan Commission for its consideration and both should be brought to the Council for consideration in early April.

J. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 11, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred twenty-seven thousand, two hundred twenty-seven dollars and twelve cents (\$127,227.12).

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Stumpf		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds was presented by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds for the month ending February 28, 2010.

Moved by: Roessler		Second: Row		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

K. Administration Department

1. The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.
2. Mr. Hudzik discussed Governor Quinn's Budget Address (of March 10, 2010) wherein the Governor proposed the reduction of municipalities' share of the state income tax distributions from its current level of 10% to a reduced level of 7%.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the City's state legislators expressing the City of Columbia's opposition to any reduction of the percentage of Local Government Distributive Fund (state income tax) proceeds due municipalities from the state.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Ebersohl		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Row	Second: Ebersohl	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 8 to 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Uniforms

Police Chief Joe Edwards discussed the possibility of changing the color of the uniforms worn by the Columbia Police Officers. Chief Edwards discussed officer safety, the durability and appearance of the proposed new uniforms and the change and expense of new uniforms and Department hats. The expense of the change was discussed by Council Members and Chief Edwards. No action on the issue was taken.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 8, 2010

Minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that (2) year contracts (until December 31, 2011) be entered into with All Type Tree Service, Inc. for both leaf removal and limb removal services.

See Ordinances 2771 and 2772 approved under the City Engineer's Report.

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 8, 2010

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Stumpf	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea

Niemietz Yea Oberkfell Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the City express its interest in accepting the donation of Colonel Edmund Kueker's diorama of Buck's Tavern for public display, with Colonel Kueker retaining ownership as long as he wishes.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to Recommend to the City Council that the City express its interest in accepting the donation of Colonel Edmund Kueker's diorama of Buck's Tavern for public display, with Colonel Kueker retaining ownership as long as he wishes.

Moved by: Agne		Second: Hejna		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl Yea		Row Yea		Stumpf Yea	
Agne Yea		Hejna Yea		Roessler Yea	
Niemietz Yea		Oberkfell Yea			

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the sample Intergovernmental Agreement documentation provided by Sugar Loaf Township representatives concerning delinquent township sewer bills to customers served by the Columbia Water Department be referred to the City Attorney and City Administrator for review, amendment (as needed), and re-submittal to the City Council for its consideration and approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to Recommend to the City Council that the sample Intergovernmental Agreement documentation provided by Sugar Loaf Township representatives concerning delinquent township sewer bills to customers served by the Columbia Water Department be referred to the City Attorney and City Administrator for review, amendment (as needed), and re-submittal to the City Council for its consideration and approval.

Moved by: Ebersohl		Second: Row		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl Yea		Row Yea		Stumpf Yea	
Agne Yea		Hejna Yea		Roessler Yea	
Niemietz Yea		Oberkfell Yea			

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 8, 2010

Minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl Yea		Row Yea		Stumpf Yea	
Agne Yea		Hejna Yea		Roessler Yea	
Niemietz Yea		Oberkfell Yea			

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 8, 2010

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, March 8, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 8 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 22, 2010

- 7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole
- 7:10 PM - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation
- 7:20 PM - Personnel

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel - Update/discussion on collective bargaining negotiations and employee salaries

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM for the purpose of meetings on 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.

Moved by: Niemietz	Second: Row	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:23 PM.

Moved by: Row	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
Ebersohl Yea	Row Yea	Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna Yea	Roessler Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell Yea	

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, 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.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve 2% wage increases for full-time non-union employees, as well as position adjustment raises and other raises and compensation, all effective May 1, 2009, as discussed in executive session.

Moved by: Niemietz		Second: Ebersohl		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Nay	Stumpf	Nay
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Nay	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Nay	Mayor Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 5 To 4

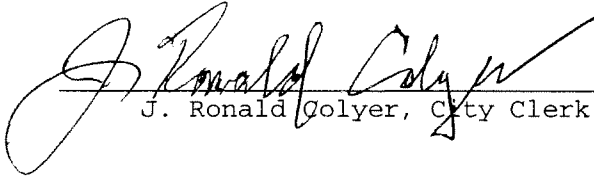
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MOTION:

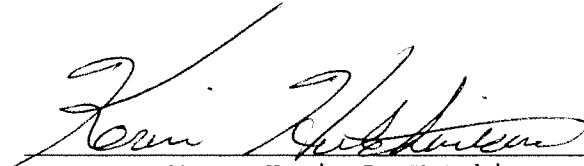
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 15, 2010 at 9:27 PM.

Moved by: Row		Second: Roessler		Vote: Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Golyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson