

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Honorary Mayor for the day Taylor Holten, with assistance from 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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	

Taylor Holten was formally introduced as Honorary Mayor for the day by Mayor Hutchinson.

The Council and citizens in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATIONS

A. Dave Norman - Celebration 2009 Photojournalist

Mr. Norman addressed the Council regarding the July 2nd celebration at The Falls commemorating the final event of the City's 2009 sesquicentennial celebration.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of June 7, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 7, 2010 were submitted for approval. A correction to the minutes was forwarded to Mr. Colyer.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 7, 2010, as corrected and on file at City Hall.

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

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library Report - Monthly Report

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

B. City Clerk's Office

1. Report (April and May 2010)

City Clerk Ron Colyer presented the City Clerk's Office report for the months of April and May. Mr. Colyer answered a query by Alderman Niemietz regarding the number of park pavilion/baseball diamond reservations.

2. An Ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics employed on Public Works of said City was presented.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2791, An Ordinance of the City of Columbia, Illinois Ascertainning the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics employed on Public Works of said City.

Moved by: Niemietz		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

C. Police Department

1. Monthly Reports (Police Department and Communications)

The monthly reports of the Police and Communications Departments were presented to the Council by Police Chief Joseph Edwards.

2. Recommendation of the hiring of an Administrative & IT Assistant

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the recommendation to hire an administrative and IT Assistant for the Police Department. Alderman Agne asked questions regarding the salary of the new hire and expressed his concern regarding the city's budget. City Administrator Al Hudzik and Mr. Edwards concurred that the new assistant would start at \$16.00 per hour during the probationary period and the position is planned in the current fiscal year budget. Alderman Hejna indicated that she would vote nay because of the current economic uncertainties and budget restraints. Alderman Stumpf stated that he wants to support the city's department heads but that he would vote present instead of yea because of his concern for the city's present and future fiscal situation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to hire Kathleen Endraske as an Administrative & IT Assistant for the Columbia Police Department, contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical as well as state and federal background checks.

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

Motion Carried 5 to 1 with 2 Present

D. EMS Department - Monthly Report

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

E. Fire Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. New Member Approval (Jake Dohrman, Jeremy Mueller & Doug Spitz)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Jake Dohrman, Jeremy Mueller and Doug Spitz for membership in the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department, contingent upon the successful completion of pre-employment physicals as well as state and federal background checks for each of these individuals.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

F. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Alan Holden.

G. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010 were presented to the Council by Commissioner Wes Hoeffken. Mr. Hoeffken informed the Council that the Plan Commission, at their June 14th meeting, voted to recommend approval of the Quality Collision Business Park subdivision plat and to recommend approval of the Quality Collision Special Use Permit for used car sales at lot 1 of the Business Park Subdivision.

H. Community & Economic Development

1. Ordinance to approve and submit an Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) Grant to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2792, An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to proceed with a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to purchase American Legion Fields.

Moved by: Oberkfell 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

2. Community & Economic Director Paul Ellis discussed Amendments to the Columbia Bike & Greenway Alignment Plan and suggested that the changes should be referred to the Columbia Play Commission and Columbia Plan Commission.

3. Mr. Ellis also notified the Council of the submission of a Grant Proposal for Columbia's Sustainable Total Efficiency Plan (CSTEP), an Energy Efficiency, Recycling & Conservation Program.

4. Mr. Ellis again updated the Council on the status of the Shoemaker School project and indicated that work on the project would begin in late June.

I. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Award for MFT Maintenance Items

City Engineer Ron Williams reviewed the bids for the maintenance items to be paid with MFT funds. After his review, Mr. Williams recommended the various items be awarded to the lowest bidder, which included the bid from JTC Petroleum for CRS asphalt material for the oil and chip program.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal and approval of the award for the 2010 MFT Maintenance Items.

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

3. Concurrence to Award Kunz Street Improvement Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the Kunz Street Improvement Project Bid of \$534,275.18 from Baxmeyer Construction.

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

4. Quality Collision Business Park Subdivision

Mr. Williams discussed information and the plat regarding the Plan Commission's recommendation to approve the Quality Collision Business Park Subdivision proposal. Mr. Williams and City Attorney Tom Adams indicated that an ordinance for approval would be forthcoming at the next Council meeting if the necessary zoning code variance and fire-hydrant issues are resolved.

5. Mr. Williams updated the Council on the progress of the Old Town Project and the Palmer Road Project.

J. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Tom Adams stated that he had no action items for the Council's consideration. He informed the Council that he has filed the Aaron Griffith lawsuit in Monroe County Circuit Court seeking to enforce our Police Training reimbursement agreement with Mr. Griffith and that he is

working with City Administrator Al Hudzik and Mr. Williams with supplemental environmental projects for the Illinois Environmental Protection agency's suit against the City on the land-fill closure.

K. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 17, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred forty-five thousand, three hundred fifty dollars and forty-six cents (\$145,350.46).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 1 with 1 Present

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through May 31, 2010 was presented by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$4,726,146.97. The balance is \$247,160.63 lower than the balance of April 30, 2010.

The statement indicated that, as of May 31, 2010, the State of Illinois was five months behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$368,032.00, due to the City of Columbia.

L. Administration Department

1. The Administrator's Report was given by City Administrator Al Hudzik.
2. Appointment of the City's Open Meetings Act Representatives

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint City Clerk Ron Colyer and City Administrator Al Hudzik as Open Meetings Act Representatives for the City of Columbia.

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

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Appointment (until 04/30/2011) - Kevin Schmoll

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Mr. Kevin Schmoll to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners until April 30, 2011 to complete the term left from the resignation of Mr. Ronald Langhans.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that approval be given to allow the City's Department Heads to apply for grants without prior approval of the City Council, provided the completion and submittal of said grant applications are coordinated with the City Administrator and/or Director of Community and Economic Development, and the City Council is notified upon grant application submittal.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that approval be given to allow the City's Department Heads to apply for grants without prior approval of the City Council, provided the completion and submittal of said grant applications are coordinated with the City Administrator and/or Director of Community and Economic Development, and the City Council is notified upon grant application submittal.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 to 3

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the City employ Dan Vogel, attorney with the firm of Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, as counsel to help negotiate the extension/renewal of the lease on the AT&T Mobility cell tower facility.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that the City employ Dan Vogel, attorney with the firm of Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, as counsel to help negotiate the extension/renewal of the lease on the AT&T Mobility cell tower facility.

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

3. Regular Session Minutes - June 14, 2010

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

B. Personnel & License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts (Joint Committee Meeting)

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that City Administrator Hudzik compile the necessary information and advertise for bids for the City's health insurance benefits (based upon the current plan's benefits).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that City Administrator Hudzik compile the necessary information and advertise for bids for the City's health insurance benefits (based upon the current plan's benefits).

Moved by: Roessler 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. Regular Session Minutes - June 14, 2010

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Personnel & License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, June 14, 2010 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Personnel & License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, June 14, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler 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

C. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 14, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, June 14, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 14, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, June 14, 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 - JUNE 28, 2010

7:00 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - Funds cash flow analysis

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 21, 2010 at 8:40 PM.

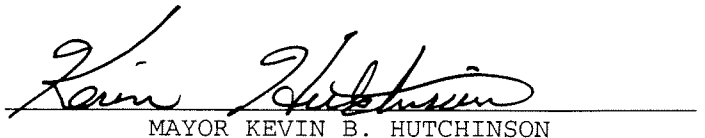
Moved by: Roessler Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON