

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 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 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Roessler</b>	<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 Terry Bruckert	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

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

**II. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of August 16, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 16, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 16, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

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

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Building Department

1. Gillan Graphics Request

Al Holden, representing the Building and Zoning Department introduced Eric Gillan, representing Gillan Graphics, who appeared before the Council to request that his business be able to use Hardie Board Masonry materials on the exterior walls when renovating a building at 318 N. Main Street.

Considerable discussion ensued among Council members regarding the use and image of the proposed materials.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Gillan Graphics request to use Hardie Board Plank Material to the restoration of the Ernst A. Weinel Building at 318 N. Main Street.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 1

B. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2010 were presented to the City Council by Edith Dean.

C. Community & Economic Development

- Resolution to Proclaim Saturday, September 18, 2010 as "Play Day" in the City of Columbia, Illinois, and Supporting Efforts of the Columbia Play Commission to Recognize the Event

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve **Resolution No. 10-2010**, A Resolution to Proclaim Saturday, September 18, 2010 as "Play Day" in the City of Columbia, Illinois, and Supporting Efforts of the Columbia Play Commission to Recognize the Event

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 voting Present

- Authorization to hire Catherine Schuette as an intern

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve a noncompensated fall internship through Southwestern Illinois College for student Catherine Schuette to work at City Hall (as recommended by Paul Ellis and Linda Sharp), contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

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

- Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement Among the City of Columbia, Illinois, Partners for Monroe County, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church to Cooperate in Engraving Granite Slabs and Stone Pavers in the Courtyard of the Monroe County Welcome Center, a Tourism Facility in Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve **Ordinance No. 2803**, An Ordinance Approving Agreement Among the City of Columbia, Illinois, Partners for Monroe County, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church to cooperatively engrave pavers for the courtyard of the Monroe County Welcome Center, A Tourism Facility in Columbia, Illinois.

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

4. Ordinance to grant The Main Street Business Association conditional approval to hang banners on street poles in the Public Right of Way

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve **Ordinance No. 2804**, An Ordinance to grant the Main Street Business Association, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation, conditional approval to hang banners on street poles in the Public Right of Way.

Moved by: Oberkfell                      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

D. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

The Engineer's Report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. 50/50 Sidewalk Grant Applications

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to grant the 50/50 Sidewalk Grant at a cost to the city of approximately \$7,000 for the sidewalks at Metter and Whiteside Streets as requested by homeowner Keith Howell.

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the 50/50 Sidewalk Grant for the sidewalks at Immaculate Conception Church at a cost to the City not to exceed \$4,550 to be based on the lowest bid submitted.

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

3. Mr. Williams also updated the Council on:
  - a. the submission of the ITEP application for the Main Street Streetscape Phase II from Cedar St. to Whiteside St.;
  - b. the Temple Street Sidewalk project;
  - c. the Milton Street project for which the necessary easements have been prepared and checked for the redesign of the end of Milton St. past Olympia St.;
  - d. the fact that official confirmation has been received from IDOT that the Intersection Design Study has been approved for the South Main/IL Route 3 CMAQ project;
  - e. Old Town Project's close-out phase is moving forward;
  - f. the Palmer Road project.

E. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Terry Bruckert

No Report

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Council members asked for information and verification for some of the bills to be paid. City Administrator Al Hudzik and Mr. Ellis addressed the members' questions and indicated that payment for bills in question would be held until information is verified.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 2, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-one dollars and fifty cents (\$278,891.50).

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

G. Administration Department

1. The Administrator's Report was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik
2. Ordinance Setting the Compensation of the City's Aldermen Elected in April, 2011.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve **Ordinance No. 2805**, An Ordinance to set the compensation to be paid to the Aldermen of the City of Columbia, Illinois, who are elected at the next regular Municipal Election held in April, 2011.

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

Motion Carried    5 To 3

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the August, 2010 Mayor's Report to the City Council.

MOTION:

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

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Stumpf addressed the City's 50/50 Sidewalk Grant process and indicated his feelings that each application should be accompanied by a minimum of two bids.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. National Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the National Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at Columbia City Hall with a speaking program in the City Hall Community Room.

Moved by: Agne	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

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the City employ Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, to represent the City in responding to the employment discrimination allegations made against the City by Babatunde S. Owoseni, as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to employ Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, to represent the City in responding to the employment discrimination allegations made against the City by

Babatunde S. Owoseni (as discussed in Executive Session of the August 23, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting).

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

2. Regular Session Minutes - August 23, 2010

The Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, August 23, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 23, 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

3. Executive Session Minutes - August 23, 2010

The Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, August 23, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 23, 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

B. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 23, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Session minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, August 23, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler		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

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 23, 2010

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, August 23, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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

D. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council approval for City Staff to take the steps necessary for the City to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$450,000 with a six (6) year term.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded for City Staff to take the steps necessary for the City to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$450,000 with a six (6) year term.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 To 2

2. Regular Session Minutes - August 23, 2010

The Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, August 23, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, August 23, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

7:00 PM - Refuse Collection and Recycling

7:10 PM - Committee of the Whole - Non-Highway/Low Speed Vehicle discussion

7:20 PM - License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts - Charter Cable Franchise discussion

7:30 PM - Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - Sidewalks and Siding

7:40 PM - Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

7:50 PM - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - Executive Session - To consider the lease of real property for use by the City

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

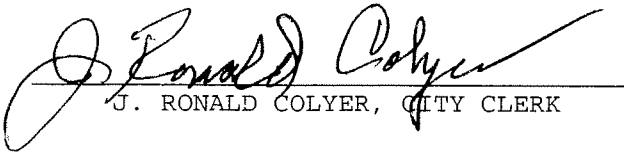
MOTION:

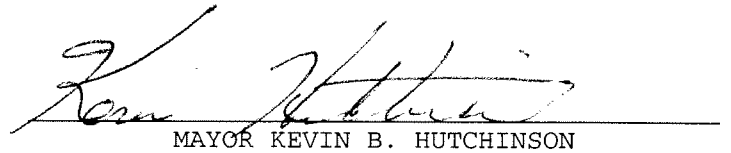
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 8:45 P.M.

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

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON