

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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:

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| 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:

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| <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 & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards |
| <input 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 Marshall 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 | |

The Council and citizens in attendance, led by Boy Scouts from Pack 325, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATIONS

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of December 6, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 6, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 6, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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| 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. Clerk's Office - October and November Report

City Clerk Ron Colyer presented the Clerk's Office Report to the City Council for the months of October and November, 2010. In addition to his written report Mr. Colyer informed the Council that seven candidates have filed petitions for the April Consolidated Aldermanic Elections.

B. Library - Monthly Report

1. Library - Monthly Report

Librarian Erica Pyle presented the monthly Library Report.

C. Police/Communications Department- Monthly Reports

The Police and Communications Department monthly reports were presented to the City Council.

D. EMS Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council.

E. Fire Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Fire Department was given by Fire Marshal Mike Roediger.

F. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the City Council.

G. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010 were presented to the City Council.

H. Community & Economic Development

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

1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.32 (City Parks) of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois

No Action Taken - Will be sent to Committee.

2. Ordinance Adding Chapter 12.33 (Special Events) to Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) and Amending Chapter 18.85 (Bolm-Schuhkraft Park Pavilion Reservation) of Title 18 (Fees and Charges to be Assessed) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

No Action Taken - Will sent to Committee.

3. Review of Goals & Objectives for 2011

Community and Economic Development Director Paul Ellis discussed the Department's goal and objectives to expand and enhance city and community revenues and assets so as to steadily increase available resources, broaden service delivery and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2011 Review of Goals & Objectives for Community & Economic Development.

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:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2830, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. An Ordinance to Abate Certain Taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2831, An Ordinance to Abate Certain Taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

4. An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2011

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2832, An Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2011.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 1

5. An Ordinance to enter into An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and the Columbia Rural Fire Protection District

Considerable discussion, including the Mayor, the Aldermen, City Attorney, City Administrator, and representatives of both the City of Columbia Fire Department and the Columbia Rural Fire Protection District ensued regarding the proposed language included in Intergovernmental Agreement.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2833, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois to enter into An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and the Columbia Rural Fire Protection District, which Intergovernmental Agreement was amended pursuant to language submitted by Mr. Scott Harres, a representative of the Columbia Rural Fire Protection District.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

L. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 16, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred forty-six thousand, six hundred twenty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$346,627.28).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 absent

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through November 30, 2010 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,755,289.87. The balance is \$707,372.08 lower than the \$6,462,661.95 balance of October 31, 2010.

The statement indicated that, as of November 30, 2010, the State of Illinois is now five months behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$293,791.00 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through November 30, 2010 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

M. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for November/December 2010 to the City Council.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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| 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. Full-Time Accounting Specialist

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp reported to the City Council that the replacement for the Full-Time Accounting Specialist has been filled by Ms. Sandy Garmer, currently the Part-Time Accounting/Clerical Assistant for the Clerk's Office and Finance Department. Ms. Sharp indicated that an advertisement would be placed seeking a replacement for a Part Time Accounting/Clerical Assistant position.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Water and Sewer

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Water and Sewer Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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| 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

B. Fire Department

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Fire Department Committee Meeting of Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

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| 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

C. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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| 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. Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared authorizing the City to enter into the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for the City's insurance coverage for CY 2011.

See Item IV-K-2 - Ordinance 2830

2. Regular Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting of Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

E. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the city employ Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, to obtain his opinion of the definition of retirement as it applies to city employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the city employ Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, to obtain his opinion of the definition of retirement as it applies to city employees.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 to 3

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council approval of employee salary and wage increases as discussed and detailed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City Council approve employee salary and wage increases as discussed and detailed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 to 3

Alderman Agne added that although he voted in favor of the increase in committee, he voted to honor Mr. Hudzik's request that he not receive the increase that the Finance Committee had set forth.

3. Regular Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 2

4. Executive Session Minutes - December 13, 2010

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, December 13, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 1

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 27, 2010

None Scheduled.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. PARK RESERVATIONS

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to place a moratorium on all park reservations until February 1, 2011.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

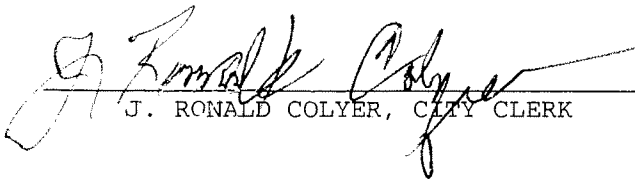
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 20, 2010 at 9:25 PM.


Moved by: Agne Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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| 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