

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:35 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 Tom Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" 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

II. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library Report

1. The monthly report of the Library Board was presented to the Council.
2. City Street Closure for Car Show

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request for the Columbia Library to close the street in front of the premises at 106 N. Metter from 6:00 till 8:30 p.m.

Moved by: Hejna                      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. Police Department/Communications

The reports of the Police/Communications Departments were presented to the Council.

C. EMS Department

1. The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Service Department was presented to the Council.
2. Hiring Recommendations

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Kevin Mennel-EMT-B as a paid volunteer of the Columbia EMS Department.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Jennifer Frost-Paramedic as a paid volunteer of the Columbia EMS Department.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Niemietsz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Lydia Cravens-EMT-B as a paid volunteer of the Columbia EMS Department.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Niemietsz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Mark Torres-EMT-B as a paid volunteer of the Columbia EMS Department.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Niemietsz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Todd Richey-Paramedic as a paid volunteer of the Columbia EMS Department.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Niemietsz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

D. Fire Department

The monthly report of the Fire Department was presented to the Council.

E. Building and Zoning Department

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

F. Community and Economic Development

The report of the Community and Economic Development was presented to the Council.

1. Amend Resolution No. 11-2008 - Revolving Loan for Bi-County Market

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution No. 01-2009, conditionally authorizing a third community development assistance program revolving loan to Bi-County Markets, Inc., an Illinois corporation.

Moved by: Hejna                      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

2. Resolution 02-2009 to Appoint Members to the Play Commission - City of Columbia Play Day

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve resolution 02-2009 to appoint members to the Play Commission that shall develop and recommend an 'action plan' for play and organize an annual 'play day' for the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Oberkfell                      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

Note: Those appointed to the commission for three year terms are: Jeff Cernicek (YMCA), Heather Hemmer (Citizen), Shannon Zarek (Business Representative), Susan Miller (Girl Scouts), Sharon Redinger (Citizen), William Seibel (Bicyclist), Ed Settles (Columbia Unit School District #4), John Traube (Citizen) and Dan Woelfel (Citizen).

3. Business License Application - Frosty Treats, Inc.

A business License Application from Frosty Treats, Inc. was presented before the council. The application needed no council action and is to be considered the same as similar applications.

4. Open House - Miller-Fiege Home

Council members were extended an invitation to an open house at the Miller-Fiege Home, located at 140 S. Main Street.

5. Current Status of Oak Street Community Building, Shoemaker Schoolhouse and Relocation of Senior Services

Paul Ellis, from the Department of Community and Economic Development spoke regarding the status of the Oak Street Community Building, the Shoemaker Schoolhouse and reported that he was having some trouble locating new premises for the senior services due to lack of follow up on the part of the Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council.

G. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Monthly Report

The report of the City Engineer/Department of Public Works was presented to the Council.

2. Discussion of Dirt and Excavated Material for Huebner Property

The City Engineer discussed issues and prior settlement agreements regarding the Huebner property relating to the Rueck Road Phase II & III Project.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City will provide water service to the Huebner property in lieu of providing soil materials as per prior settlement agreements.

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

3. Plat of Survey of Property at 1700 Ghent Road

The council was presented a proposed ordinance and the Plat of Survey for property at 1700 Ghent Road. After a lengthy discussion involving private citizens, the Mayor, City Engineer Ron Williams, City Attorney Tom Adams and Council Members, the issue was referred to the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee.

4. Ordinance entering into a Letter of Understanding with Monroe County

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2720 authorizing a letter of understanding between Monroe County, Illinois and the City of Columbia, Illinois to provide for the resurfacing and for a jurisdictional transfer from the City of Columbia, Illinois to Monroe County, Illinois of a section of Palmer Road (A/K/A FAU 9300) from DD Road to the northeasterly limits of the access ramp for State of Illinois Highway Route No. 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

5. Hiring of Summer Help Personnel

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to employ three part-time summer employees for the Public Works Department.

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

NOTE: Those employed include Jim Ritson, Eric Marlen and Joel Becker.

6. Discussion of Repair of Private Road Off Edelweiss

There was a discussion about the repair of the private road off Edelweiss, how it sits, and the property owners involved and that the whole issue will be complicated.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to send a letter to the property owners to repair the roadway upon which the private road off Edelweiss is located.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

H. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2009

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2009 were presented to the Council.

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney's report was presented to the Council. Much of the City Attorney's report coincided with the passing of Ordinance No. 2720.

J. Administration Department

The report of the Administration Department was presented to the Council.

K. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson's report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Voice

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

**III. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS**

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through May 14, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred forty-nine thousand, four hundred twenty dollars, and ninety-three cents (\$449,420.93).

Moved by: Hejna      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

**B. Statement of Funds**

The Statement of Funds report was presented to the Council.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of the Statement of Funds Report as presented.

Moved by: Hejna                      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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

**VI. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

- 7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole
- 7:10 PM - Ordinance, Planning and Zoning
- 7:20 PM - Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch
- 7:30 PM - Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements
- 7:40 PM - Executive and Rules
- 7:50 PM - Personnel (Executive Session)

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

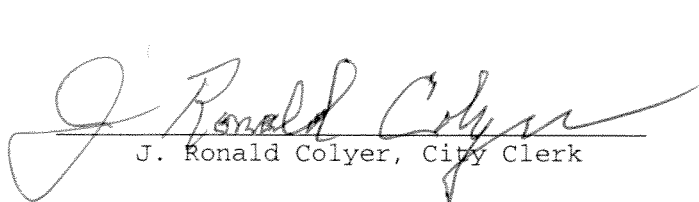
**MOTION:**

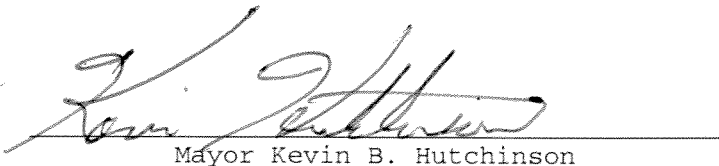
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 9:35 PM.

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

  
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 J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk

  
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 Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson