

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Huch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Mathews</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Holtkamp</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Amy Mistler
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. Illinois' Sister City of the Year Award Recognition

Mayor Hutchinson commented on the City's reception of the Sister Cities of the Year Award. The Mayor introduced several members of Columbia's Sister Cities Organization. Ingrid Soraghan spoke briefly regarding the Award and ongoing efforts of the Sister Cities Program and read a letter from the President of the Illinois Sister Cities Association.

B. Heritage & Preservation Commission - Recognition by Landmarks Illinois, a Historic and Preservation Commission

Mayor Hutchinson recognized the award that the City of Columbia received from the Landmarks Illinois Association. He called on Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis to display the Award. Mr. Ellis offered accolades to Dennis Patton for his research and efforts to expand information and narrative regarding the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail. According to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Patton's research regarding the Trail was instrumental in the awarding of the Landmark's award as was the support from representatives of St. Clair, Randolph and Monroe Counties.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 21, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 21, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Reis	Second:	Ebersohl	Vote:	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - October 28, 2013

Plan Commissioner Amy Mistler presented the October 28, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

B. Building & Zoning

1. A Zoning Board of Appeals Variance Request from Laura & Phillip (Eddie) Haggard, 606 Wellington Drive was presented to the Council by City Engineer Ron Williams.
2. An Ordinance to Grant a Zoning Code Variance to Phillip E. and Laura A. Haggard for Their Single Family Residential Property Located at 606 Wellington Drive in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Reduce the Side Yard Setback From the Required Thirty (30) Feet to Twenty Six (26) Feet

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3071, an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to Phillip E. and Laura A. Haggard for their Single Family Residential Property located at 606 Wellington Drive in the City of Columbia, Illinois to reduce the side yard setback from the required thirty (30) feet to twenty six (26) feet.

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Reis	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 9 to 0

C. Community & Economic Development

1. Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Ellis presented the Play Commission Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2013 and updated the City Council on the staffing and operations of the Monroe County Welcome Center

including the upcoming Monroe County Welcome Center Scavenger Hunt on November 16.

2. Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 11-2013, Which Conditionally Authorized a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan to Aunt Maggie's on Main, an Illinois Corporation

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2013, a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 11-2013, which conditionally authorized a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan to Aunt Maggie's on Main, an Illinois Corporation.

Moved by: Holtkamp      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

D. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Williams updated the Council on various construction projects including: 1. The Cherry Street Improvement Project; 2. The Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation; 3. The ongoing Main Street Streetscape Project; 4. The correspondence regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency regarding the installation of piers for the failed area on Valmeyer Road; 5. And the documents and specifications that have been developed for the pavilion to be constructed in Metter Park.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through October 31, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred forty-two thousand two hundred eight dollars and sixty-five cents (\$342,208.65).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through September 30, 2013 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$7,174,121.58. The balance is \$860,688.07 higher than the \$6,313,433.51 balance of August 31, 2013.

The statement indicated that as of September 30, 2013, the State of Illinois is two (2) months (August and September) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$105,778.13 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through September 30, 2013 as presented.

Moved by:	Roessler	Second:	Holtkamp	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. Approval of Authorization Consenting to the Assignment and Subleasing of one of the Cell Tower Leases on City Property at 1253 Bremser Road (AT&T/Crown Castle International correspondence)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded for approval of the City Administrator to be authorized to give the City's consent to the assignment and subleasing of one of the Cell Tower Leases on City Property at 1253 Bremser Road (AT&T/Crown Castle International correspondence).

Moved by:	Huch	Second:	Niemietz	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

G. City Attorney

1. A Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement with Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2013, a Resolution approving a Settlement Agreement with Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

Moved by:	Ebersohl	Second:	Huch	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for October 2013 to the City Council.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Reis	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Niemietz commended and congratulated Mayor Hutchinson on his election as Vice President of the Illinois Municipal League Board.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - October 28, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, October 28, 2013 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, October 28, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Roessler	Second:	Ebersohl	Roll Call	
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:00 P.M. Signage Regulations/Variance Discussion

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:10 P.M. (1) IMLRMA Insurance Renewal Discussion; (2) Tax Levy Discussion

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:20 P.M. Play Foundation & Priority List

Committee of the Whole - 7:30 P.M. Executive Session: Possible Purchase of Property

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. None.

**X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

None.

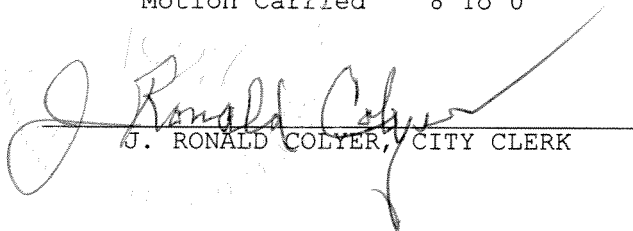
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

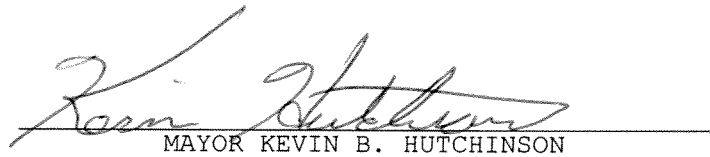
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:43 P.M.

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Huch	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON