

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Mathews</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Karin Callis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, January 6, 2014

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 6, 2014 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 6, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council.

B. Police Department & Communications - 2013 Reports

1. The Police Department and Communications 2013 reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Justin Osterhage.

2. 2013 Final Report

The report of the Building and Zoning Department Final Totals for 2013 was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Justin Osterhage.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2014

Plan Commissioner Karin Callis presented the January 13, 2014 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development

Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis presented his report to the City Council.

Mr. Ellis presented the minutes of the Monroe County Economic Development Council of August 14, 2013, the Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission of October 28, 2013, and the Revolving Loan Committee of October 11, November 8 and November 22, 2013.

Mr. Ellis also updated the Council of a meeting with the Oerter Foundation on January 16, 2014, the 2014 Kick Off for Marketing Columbia, the Bob Brockland Buick GMC Relocating to Columbia newspaper article and the Preview of Small Business Finance Fair on January 30, 2014.

1. Special Event Request - Abbott Wedding & Scottish Games

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Request for the Abbott Wedding & Scottish Games to be held at the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park baseball diamond area on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. to Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 0

2. Resolution to Conditionally Authorize a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan to Midwest Carpet Cleaning, an Illinois Sole Proprietorship

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 17-2013 as amended, a Resolution conditionally authorizing a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan to Eric Friedrich DBA Midwest Carpet Cleaning, an Illinois Sole Proprietorship.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 0

3. In addition, Mr. Ellis informed the City Council of the Safe Routes to School grant application which has a deadline of January 31, 2014. The application is for a trail from Monroe Street to the Columbia Middle School. It was the consensus of the City Council that Mr. Ellis applies for the grant.

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

His report included updates and the status of various construction projects in the City. His report included information items on: (1) Metter Park Pavilion; (2) Equipment bids due January 23 for a utility tractor, mowing tractor and a hydro excavator; (3) Installation of radio reads for water meters; (4) North Main Street Resurfacing - Phase 1; (5) Main Street Streetscape Project; (6) Zone of Initial Dilution Study; (7) Amended Landfill Closure Permit; and (8) TIP/CMAQ (Transportation Improvement Projects and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) Applications calling for a January 27, 2014 Committee Meeting to discuss possible projects to be submitted.

H. City Attorney

No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 16, 2014; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred twenty-eight thousand two hundred thirty-one dollars and seventy-three cents (\$228,231.73).

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Holtkamp                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Attorney Terry Bruckert and City Administrator Al Hudzik recommended the subsequent resolution on the Memorandum of Understanding with Monroe County should remain a separate document for the City of Columbia rather than having one document for all cities involved to sign.

2. A Resolution to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Monroe County, Illinois, Emergency Management Agency to Coordinate Emergency Management Operations During a Declared Disaster

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 18-2013, a Resolution to authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Monroe County, Illinois, Emergency Management Agency to coordinate emergency management operations during a declared disaster.

Moved by: Holtkamp                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

K. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson presented the December 2013 Mayor's Report 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: Roessler                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Kurt P. Froehlich, attorney with the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois, be employed to allow city staff to explore various options pertaining to the city's 2008 G.O. Capital Projects & Refunding Bonds that are callable in December 2014.

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Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - January 13, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 0

B. Personnel

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the City Administrator's recommendation be followed in addressing the employee compensation issues as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City Administrator's recommendation be followed in addressing the employee compensation issues as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Roessler                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - January 13, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014 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, January 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - January 13, 2014

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014 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, January 13, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Holtkamp                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 27, 2014**

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. (i) Update on vacating an undeveloped portion of Thomas Street; (ii) Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) application discussion; (iii) Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Project application discussion; and (iv) Executive Session - update/discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. to discuss Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Holtkamp                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:27 P.M.

Moved by: Reis                              Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis, Holtkamp and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

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

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this Council Meeting's Executive Session

None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

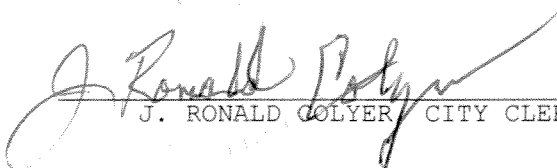
MOTION:


It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:31 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler                      Second: Reis                              Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0

  
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J. RONALD GOLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON