

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 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:

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

Quorum Present.

*Alderman Agne arrived at the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dir. of Community & Economic Dev. 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 Paul Khoury
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Proclamation - Community Day to Fight Leukemia & Lymphoma

In the form of a proclamation, Mayor Hutchinson proclaimed May 3, 2014 as Columbia Community Day to Fight Leukemia & Lymphoma throughout the City of Columbia and encouraged all of our citizens and businesses to participate and help promote the efforts to raise research funds for LLS in the Greater St. Louis Area.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, March 3, 2014

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 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, March 3, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Executive Session Meeting of Monday, March 3, 2014

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2014 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 0 with 1 Abstention

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department

1. Police Department - Monthly Report

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

2. Communications - Monthly Report

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

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

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

D. Emergency Management Agency

1. Update by EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken

Mr. Hoeffken updated the Council on the Memorandum of Understanding with the County which passed by resolution at a prior Council meeting. He indicated that, thus far, Columbia and Valmeyer have signed off on the Memorandum.

Hoeffken reported that the St. Paul United Church of Christ has volunteered to be a primary heating and cooling center for the City of Columbia when emergencies dictate the necessity.

Mr. Hoeffken indicated that he is interested in initiating citizen involvement projects and training and the prospects of instituting a city-wide "Code Red" registration campaign (formerly known as "Reverse 911").

E. Building Department - Monthly Report

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

F. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2014

Plan Commissioner Paul Khoury presented the March 10, 2014 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council. Mr. Khoury also updated the Council on recent activities of the Commission.

G. Community & Economic Development Director

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

1. Special Event Permit: Easter Egg Hunt (Century 21)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Century 21 Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park, #1 Centennial Pavilion.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

H. 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) Main Street Streetscape, (2) Metter Park Pavilion, (3) North Main Street Resurfacing - Phase 1, (4) Zone of Initial Dilution Study, (5) STP-S and CMAQ Applications.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ All Type Tree Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to Perform Leaf Removal Services in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3090, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ All Type Tree Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to perform leaf removal services in the City of Columbia, Illinois for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Hudson Tree Service of Millstadt, Illinois to Perform Limb Removal Services in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3091, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Hudson Tree Service of Millstadt, Illinois to perform limb removal services in the City of Columbia, Illinois for a two year period ending December 31, 2015.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

I. City Attorney

No Report.

J. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 13, 2014; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred fifty-six thousand six hundred thirteen dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$156,613.57).

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Transfer Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer from the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Fund of the City the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)

No action was taken on the proposed Resolution.

- b. A Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer from the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the Sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000)

No action was taken on the proposed Resolution.

K. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Adopt the Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 20-2013, a Resolution authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois, to adopt the Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

L. Mayor

1. Monthly Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the February 2014 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:	Ebersohl	Second:	Reis	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Absent	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Absent	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 10, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 10, 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, March 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 10, 2014

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the city's limb removal services contract be awarded to Hudson Tree Service for a two (2) year period (until December 31, 2015) at a rate of \$135/hr.

See Ordinance No. 3091, Page 4, Item IV-H-3.

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the city's leaf removal services contract be awarded to All Type Tree Service for a two (2) year period (until December 31, 2015) at a rate of \$135/hr. (plus a possible surcharge depending on the price of gasoline) as reflected in the bid submitted.

See Ordinance No. 3090, Page 3, Item IV-H-2.

3. Regular Session Minutes - March 10, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2014 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, March 10, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 24, 2014

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. (i) Request for Funding for Senior Services Program(s) - Paulette Hamlin (WEEOC); (ii) Financial Information Presentation and FY 2014 - 2015 Budget Discussion; (iii) Executive Session - Review of Executive Session Minutes for Publication and Discussion of employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees/specific employees

Water and Sewer - 7:10 P.M. Discussion on Purchase of Replacement Water Meters Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:20 P.M. Dumpster Enclosure Regulations Discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to update and discuss pending litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. to update and discuss pending litigation.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:03 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Mathews, Holtkamp, Reis 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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to follow the recommendation of attorney Mark Weisman pertaining to the pending litigation issue discussed in Executive Session.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

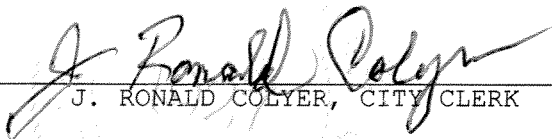
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

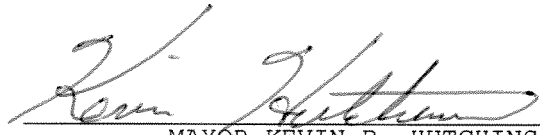
It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 17, 2014 at 8:05 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON