

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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 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 Tim Palen	<input checked="" 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"/> Dir. of Community & Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMA Coordinator Wes Hoeffken	

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Public Hearing of Monday, March 17, 2014

The minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council held Monday, March 17, 2014 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council held Monday, March 17, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, March 17, 2014

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 17, 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 17, 2014 as corrected and on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

C. Executive Session Meeting of Monday, March 17, 2014

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, March 17, 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 17, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2014

Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller presented the March 24, 2014 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented the Play Commission Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014 and information on Marketing Columbia and the possibility of hosting future conferences. Mr. Ellis also set May 5, 2014 as the date for the Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing.
2. Special Event Request - Christian Music Festival (Uniting Christians Everywhere - UCE)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Christian Music Festival sponsored by Uniting Christians Everywhere Organization to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Albert C. Metter Memorial Park.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the Council. His report included items on: Main Street Streetscape, the Metter Park Pavilion, North Main Street Resurfacing-Phase 1, Zone of Initial Dilution Study, the STP-S and CMAQ Applications, Carl Street Curbing Project, and the Spring Start Up on parks, fountains and mowing.

2. An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Thomas Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois located between the new terminus of Thomas Street in the south part of Thomas Street and Carl Street in the Columbia Hills Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3092, An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Thomas Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois located between the new terminus of Thomas Street in the south part of Thomas Street and Carl Street in the Columbia Hills Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

D. City Attorney

No Report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through April 3, 2014; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred seventy-seven thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$377,355.39).

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 February 28, 2014 was presented to the City Council by City Administrator Al Hudzik. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,354,208.39. The balance is \$36,302.86 lower than the \$6,390,511.25 balance of January 31, 2014.

The statement indicated that as of February 28, 2014, the State of Illinois is two (2) months (January and February) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$183,835.24 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through February 28, 2014 as presented.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 21-2013, A Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Moved by:	Reis	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

4. 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)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 22-2013, 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).

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

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. Mr. Hudzik indicated that a Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:45 P.M.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

None.

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:	Agne	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

- A. Alderman Agne presented information regarding the History of Playgrounds.
- B. Alderman Niemietz updated the Council on the progress being made by the Monroe County Coalition for Drug Free Communities. She pointed out the meetings, open to all, are held on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 P.M. at the YMCA. She indicated that the Steering Committee has been working on its by-laws, a mission statement and a problem statement to assist with future problem areas.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Mayor announced that the City has a Donkey Basketball Team that will participate in an upcoming benefit game on April 15<sup>th</sup> which will also draw teams from other Community Groups and Organizations.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 24, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 24, 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 24, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 24, 2014

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 24, 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 24, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Ebersohl	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

3. Regular Session Minutes - March 31, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 31, 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 31, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Ebersohl	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

4. Executive Session Minutes - March 31, 2014

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 31, 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 31, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Ebersohl	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

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014

Fire Department 7:00 P.M. Dispatching Services Agreement Review/Discussion

Committee of the Whole 7:10 P.M. (i) Electricity Aggregation Program Update/Information Review/Discussion; (ii) Jim E. Weinel Administrative Trust - Distribution Documentation Review/Discussion; and (iii) Financial Information Presentation and FY 2014-2015 Budget Discussion

Personnel Committee 7:20 P.M. Executive Session - (i) Update/discussion on collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (ii) Discussion of employee wages and benefits for one or more classes of employees/specific employees

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, April 7, 2014 at 7:35 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

  
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON