

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
MONDAY, JULY 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 were:

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

Quorum present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Timothy Palen	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police and 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 and Economic Dev. 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 Karin Callis
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy City Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

A. Sophia And Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation Donations Recognition

Mark Scoggins and Robert Schueler, representatives for the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation, presented contributions to the City in the amount of \$12,000.00 for purchasing and building a shade structure for the playground at Metter Park, and in the amount of \$20,500.00 for resurfacing the tennis courts at Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 16, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 16, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Plan Commission

1. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Karin Callis.

B. Building Department

1. Architectural Review Board Recommendation - Top Shooters.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board and approve the request by Tim Wheeler, owner of Top Shooters, to use hardy board on the exterior of the new addition to be constructed at 531 Old State Rt. 3, located in a C-3 (Highway Business District) Zoning District.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Ordinance No. 3106 - Zoning Amendment to the Historic Preservation Overlay District.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass Ordinance No. 3106, an ordinance approving a request from the City of Columbia, Illinois for a zoning amendment to designate the HP Historic Preservation Overlay District of the City of Columbia Zoning Code for property known as the Miller-Fiege Home, James Piggott's Land Claim/Schneider Farmstead, the Shoemaker Schoolhouse, and the Warderman Cemetery.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3107 - Variance Request for 305 Michael Street.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass Ordinance No. 3107, an ordinance granting a zoning code variance to Scott J. Range for his single family residential property located at 305 S. Michael Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois to reduce the rear yard setback from the required thirty (30) feet to six (6) feet.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 9 to 0.

C. Community & Economic Development

1. Play Commission Monthly Report.

The monthly report of the Play Commission was presented by Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis.

2. Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities Report.

The monthly report of the Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities was presented by Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis.

3. Special Event Request - Who Dat's Shrimp Boil.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Who Dat's Shrimp Boil to be held July 19, 2014 with a rain date of August 9, 2014, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

4. Recap of ICSC Illinois Alliance Downstate Luncheon - June 25, 2014.

Mr. Ellis provided an update of the ICSC Alliance Downstate Luncheon. Mr. Ellis stated the attendees were impressed with the area and had many compliments about The Falls Reception Center.

5. Update on Illinois Main Street Program Application.

Mr. Ellis informed the Council that he will be finalizing and submitting the Main Street Program application by July 18, 2014.

6. Update on ILDECO and Oerter Foundation Grant Awards.

Mr. Ellis updated the Council on the ILDECO grants and thanked the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Foundation for their generous contributions made earlier in the evening.

7. Employment of Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to employ Nancy Ann Long to fill the part-time position of Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant for the City, contingent upon completion of a background check and other city policies required for employment.

2. Resolution No. 06-2014 - Maintenance of Streets and Highways.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass Resolution No. 06-2014, a resolution appropriating two hundred sixty-three thousand, three hundred thirty-two dollars and seventy cents (\$263,332.70) of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code for the period commencing May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to authorize Mayor Hutchinson to sign the Local Public Agency Material Proposal or the Delivery and Install Proposal documentation allowing for the advertisement of bids for the materials necessary to maintain the City's streets, as detailed in Resolution No. 06-2014.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3110 - Radon Resistant Construction.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 3110, an ordinance amending Section 15.08.020 (Additions, Insertions and Changes) of Chapter 15.08 (Building Code) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois regarding Radon Resistant Construction.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

8. Ordinance No. 3108 - Establishing the GM&O Heritage Trail.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 3108, an ordinance establishing the name 'GM&O Heritage Trail' for the former railroad right of way in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

9. Ordinance No. 3109 - Columbia Khoury League Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass Ordinance No. 3109, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbia Khoury League to memorialize the responsibilities and obligations of the Khoury League and the City regarding parks and recreation in the City of Columbia Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

D. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report.

The monthly report of the City Engineer was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

E. City Attorney

Mr. Palen informed the Council he had nothing to report.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 3, 2014 in the amount of four hundred forty-two thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars and eighty cents (\$442,699.80).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Statement of Funds.

The Statement of Funds for the period ending May 31, 2014 indicated the City has an investment balance of \$6,238,813.71, a reduction of \$99,627.80 since the ending balance on April 30, 2014.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Statement of Funds through May 31, 2014 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Engagement Letter from Schorb & Schmersahl, establishing the understanding of services that will be performed by the certified public accounting firm for the audit of the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014, and setting the fee for an amount not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00), plus any out of pocket expenses.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

4. Motor Fuel Tax Audit Presentation.

Mrs. Sharp presented the Motor Fuel Tax Audit (Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Report No 08-063 and 08-064) for the period commencing January 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2011.

G. Administrative Department

1. Monthly Report.

The monthly report of the City Administrator was presented by City Administrator Al Hudzik.

H. Mayor

1. Monthly Report.

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented by Mayor Hutchinson.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the report of officers and departments as presented and on file at City Hall.



Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Council.

**VI. New Business**

There was no new business brought before the Council.

**VII. Report of Standing Committees**

**A. Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning**

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 9, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**B. Committee of the Whole**

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 9, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Executive Session Minutes - June 9, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting held Monday, June 9, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Regular Session Minutes - June 23, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

4. Executive Session Minutes - June 23, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

C. Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - June 23, 2014.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Committee and grant permission to the Columbia Khoury League to construct a fence on the city property at the American Legion Memorial Park, contingent upon meeting City requirements and policies, as presented and discussed in Committee.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Regular Session Minutes - June 23, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation committee meeting held Monday, June 23, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

Monday July 14, 2014

7:00 P.M. - Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning

- Dumpster Enclosure Discussion

7:10 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

- Bond Refunding Discussion
- Sales Tax Discussion

**IX. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

**X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session**

Since there was no Executive Session, there were no actions to be taken.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday July, 7, 2014 at 7:42 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

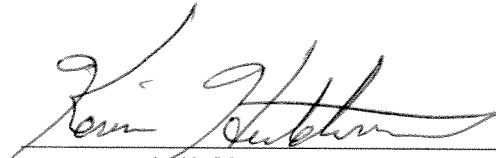
Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion Passed 8 to 0.



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WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON