

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

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

\* Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:02 PM.

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 Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission Chairman Paul Khoury
<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**

There were no delegations present at the meeting.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 7, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 7, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 5 to 0.

#### **IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

##### **A. Library**

###### **1. Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of June 10, 2014, was presented to the Council.

##### **B. Police Department**

###### **1. Police Department - Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Police Department was presented by Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul.

###### **2. Communications - Monthly Reports**

The monthly reports of the Communications Department were presented by Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul.

##### **C. Emergency Medical Services**

###### **1. Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented by Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul.

##### **D. Building Department**

###### **1. Monthly Report**

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

##### **E. Plan Commission**

- 1. The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014 were presented by Plan Commission Chairman Paul Khoury.**

##### **F. Community & Economic Development**

###### **1. Civic Progress Committee Monthly Report**

The monthly report of the Civic Progress Committee was presented by Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis.

###### **2. Application to Illinois Main Street Program**

Mr. Ellis informed the council the application to the Illinois Main Street Program had been filed on Friday, July 18, 2014.

###### **3. Marketing Columbia: Creating a Local/Regional Food Hub**

Mr. Ellis informed the Council he is working with other Monroe County communities to create a regional food hub and explained the food hub is a process and infrastructure to coordinate the growing, processing, aggregation, distribution, marketing, and sale of food grown or processed locally.

4. Special Event Request - Columbia Daze (Turner Hall)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Columbia Daze Festival and Parade scheduled to be held August 15 and 16, 2014.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

5. Ordinance No. 3111 - Transfer of Real Estate James Piggot Land Claim/Schneider Farmstead

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3111, an ordinance approving the transfer of real estate commonly known as the 'James Piggot Land Claim/Schneider Farmstead,' located at 11562 Bluff Road in Columbia, Illinois from the Columbia Historical Society, an Illinois Non-Profit Corporation, to the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

G. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Ordinance No. 3112 - Unenclosed Refuse Containers or Dumpsters

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3112, an ordinance amending Chapter 15.68 (Unenclosed Refuse Containers or Dumpsters) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois by deleting Chapter 15.68 in its entirety and replacing Chapter 15.68 with a revised Chapter 15.68.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3113 - HTC Fiber Connection Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3113, an ordinance entering into an agreement with Harrisonville Telephone Company for Fiber Connection Service for the City of Columbia, Illinois for a five (5) year term.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 3114 - HTC SDSL-Fiber Internet Access Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3114, an ordinance entering into an agreement with Harrisonville Telephone Company for SDSL-Fiber Internet Access Service for the City of Columbia, Illinois for a five (5) year term.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

5. Columbia Athletic Association Request

Mr. Williams informed the Council he met with the Columbia Athletic Association and they have requested the City grant them the same terms and conditions as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbia Khoury League until a similar memorandum can be agreed upon between the City and the Association. Aldermen Roessler and Ebersohl expressed concern about a conflict with the various soccer leagues and the Blue Jay Football League who regularly use the Legion fields for practice. Mr. Williams explained this would be no different than the way the Khoury League is managing and scheduling the fields. The council agreed to proceed with the request until a formal agreement can be drafted and approved.

H. City Attorney

There was no report from the City Attorney.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 17, 2014 in the amount of one hundred thirty-eight thousand, four hundred seven dollars and ninety-five cents (\$138,407.95).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

J. City Administrator

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Ordinance No. 3115 - Question of Imposition of Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Service Occupation Tax

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3115, an ordinance submitting the Question of the Imposition of a Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Service Occupation Tax.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

K. Mayor

1. Knights of Columbus IDD/Tootsie Roll Drive Request

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus Council 6165 to hold their annual IDD/Tootsie Roll Drive on Friday, September 19, 2014 and Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 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. Committee of the Whole**

**1. Municipal Sales Tax Recommendation**

Alderman Ebersohl stated that this issue had already been addressed by the Council as Ordinance No. 3115.

**2. Midwest Occupational Medicine Ltd. Recommendation**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve Midwest Occupational Medicine Ltd. as a provider for the City's post employment offer/pre-employment physical testing and physical demands testing, if required, as well as such testing for current City employees, who may be required to submit to such testing in order to return to work pursuant to the City's Personnel Code or a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

**3. Real Estate Appraisals**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize city staff to obtain appraisals for the parcel(s) of real estate discussed in the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

4. Employ Labor Counsel

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and employ Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the Polsinelli Law Firm, as Labor Counsel to represent the City pertaining to the employee issues discussed in the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole and any prior actions taken addressing those issues be ratified.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

5. Regular Session Minutes - July 14, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, July 14, 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 meeting held Monday, July 14, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

6. Executive Session Minutes - July 14, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, July 14, 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 meeting held Monday, July 14, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:



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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

**B. Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning**

1. Unenclosed Refuse Containers or Dumpsters Recommendation

This item was addressed by the Council as Ordinance 3112.

2. Regular Session Minutes - July 14, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, July 14, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, July 14, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

Monday July 28, 2014

7:00 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

- Columbia Land Management proposed Annexation Agreement discussion
- Bond Refunding discussion
- City buildings vending servicing discussion
- Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program presentation and discussion
- Crown Linen Service water usage and payment discussion
- Executive Session - Employment of a specific individual discussion

**IX. Executive Session**

There was nothing to be brought before the council in Executive Session.

**X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session**

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

**XI. Adjournment**

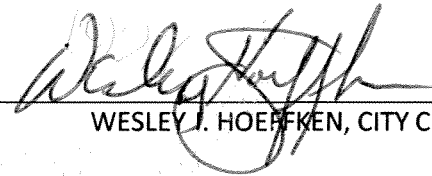
**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:44 P.M.

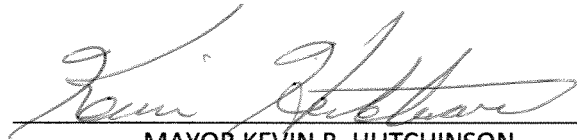
Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.



WESLEY J. HOEFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON