

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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	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 Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police 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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf
<input checked="" 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.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Public Hearing - Columbia Land Management Annexation Agreement**

The minutes of the Public Hearing held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council held **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

B. Public Hearing - Joseph G. and Patricia A. Koppeis Annexation Agreement

The minutes of the Public Hearing held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing before the City Council held **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

C. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 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 August 12, 2014, was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

2. Hiring of a Part-Time Library Assistant/Clerk

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Library Board and approve the employment of Rachel Kuerz as a Part-Time Library Assistant/Clerk pending meeting pre-employment requirements for the City of Columbia.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

B. Police Department

1. Police Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Police Department was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

2. Communications - Monthly Reports

The monthly reports of the Communications Department was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

C. Emergency Medical Services

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

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 Monday, September 8, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

F. Community & Economic Development

1. Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities

The meeting minutes of the Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities Steering Committee held August 4, 2014 were presented by Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis.

2. Special Event Request - Columbia High School Homecoming Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Mathews, to approve the Special Event Permit Request for the Columbia High School Homecoming Parade scheduled to be held September 24, 2014, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

3. Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop

Mr. Ellis provided the results from the Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop.

4. Ordinance No. 3122 - Development Tax Rebate Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3122, an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute a Development Tax Rebate Agreement with Columbia Land Management, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 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. 3123 - Walking Trail Paving Project Contract

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3123, an ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Turman Contracting, LLC of Jerseyville, Illinois to perform the Walking Trail Paving Project in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

3. Palmer Sewer Lift Station Pump Repair

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and accept the budget estimate proposal in the amount of \$13,153.00 for replacement of the wet end parts on the two pumps at Palmer Sewer Lift Station submitted by Vandevanter Engineering.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

H. City Attorney

There was no report by 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 September 11, 2014 in the amount of two hundred twenty-one thousand, eight hundred sixty dollars, and seven cents (\$221,860.07).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

J. Administrative Department

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Ordinance No. 3124 - Amend Ordinance No. 3096 (Budget Ordinance)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3124, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3096 which established the budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its fiscal year commencing May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Resolution No. 08-2014 - IDOT Payment for Rueck Road Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Resolution No. 08-2014, a Resolution authorizing the payment of the balance due to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Phase 2 and 3 Improvements completed on Rueck Road.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

K. 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 Niemietz, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

V. Old Business

A. Columbia Centre Roadway

Mr. Joe Koppeis explained that the owners of the McDonalds no longer want to participate in the improvement of the Columbia Centre roadway in order to have the City accept the roadway. Mr. Koppeis then stated the project will continue and the McDonalds will no longer have an ingress/egress onto that roadway. Mr. Koppeis added that the McDonalds property will also have to address how to handle their storm water. Alderman Niemietz inquired what impact this would have. Mr. Ron Williams stated McDonalds will have a serious problem if they cannot discharge their storm water into the storm sewer located along the roadway.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Columbia Centre Roadway

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the Columbia Centre roadway as a public roadway when replacement and repairs have been performed pursuant to the plans prepared by Millennia Professional Services and after review and approval by the City Engineer.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

2. Crown Textile Services Account

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and reduce the receivable balance for Crown Textile Services account #6758, in the amount of sixty-six thousand, five hundred ninety-nine dollars and twenty-two cents (\$66,599.22), representing a portion of the late fees assessed against said account since May 2010.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

3. Employment of Gary G. Ludwig - Expert Witness

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and employ Gary G. Ludwig of Hillsboro, Missouri, as an expert witness on behalf of the City pertaining to the Jason Sitzes arbitration issue.

Roll Call vote results:



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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

4. Executive Session Minutes - August 25, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, August 25, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, August 25, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

5. Regular Session Minutes - September 8, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

6. Executive Session Minutes - September 8, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

7:00 P.M. - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage & Public Utilities

- Brellinger Street Sign Maintenance discussion.
- Watershed Mitigation Work discussion.
- N. Main Street Resurfacing Project discussion.

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

- Oak Street Building Lease Renewal discussion.
- Statement of Support for the Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities discussion.
- Executive Session – Update on EMS Negotiations and discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.

**IX. Executive Session**

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was a need to go into Executive Session. There was none.

**X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session**

Since there was no Executive Session, there was no action to be taken.

**XI. Adjournment**

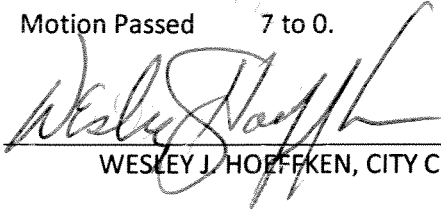
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:50 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.



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WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK



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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON