

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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	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:

City Clerk Wesley Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	City Engineer Ronald Williams
Plan Commissioner Gene Bergmann	

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

There were no delegations present.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 17, 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, November 3, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, November 3, 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. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, November 17, 2014 were submitted for approval. Changes were submitted to Mr. Hoeffken.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, November 17, 2014 as amended 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.

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Plan Commission

1. The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 24, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Gene Bergmann.

B. Building & Zoning

1. Zoning Amendment Request - 11604 Bluff Road

Mr. Williams informed the Council the Zoning Board of Appeals has reviewed and approved the Zoning Amendment Request submitted by Peter and Julie Ingold for their property located at 11604 Bluff Road.

2. Ordinance No. 3146 - Zoning Amendment Request for 11604 Bluff Road

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3146, an ordinance approving a request from Peter and Julie Ingold for a Zoning Amendment from Chapter 17.16, R-3 (One Family Dwelling District) to Chapter 17.26, C-1 (Neighborhood Business District) with Chapter 17.34, HP (Historic Preservation Overlay District) of the City of Columbia Zoning Code for property located at 11604 Bluff Road.

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. Community & Economic Development

In Mr. Ellis' absence, Mr. Morani presented the report for Community & Economic Development.

1. Update on Designation & Promotion of the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail

Mr. Morani informed the Council this item would be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for December 8, 2014.

2. Resolution No. 11-2014 - Preferred Route for Gateway Connector 'Outer Belt' Transportation Corridor

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 11-2014, a resolution to identify a preferred route for the Gateway Connector 'Outer Belt' Transportation Corridor.

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. Set Public Hearing Date for Adopting a Main Street District Plan

Mr. Morani informed the Council January 5, 2015 has been set as the date for the Public Hearing for adopting a Main Street District Plan and incorporating the plan in the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

D. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

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

2. Resolution No. 12-2014 - Utility Permit for Sanitary Sewer Line along IL Route 3

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Resolution No. 12-2014, a resolution authorizing a Utility Permit to be signed and submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for installation and maintenance of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line with the right-of-way of FA Route 14 (IL Route 3).

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.

E. City Attorney

The City Attorney 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 November 26, 2014 in the amount of four hundred fifteen thousand, eight hundred forty-four dollars and sixty-three cents (\$415,844.63).

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Statement of Funds through Friday, October 31, 2014 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.

G. City Administrator

1. Ordinance No. 3147 - Amend Refuse Collection Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3147, an ordinance amending the City of Columbia, Illinois' Refuse Collection Agreement with Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc. of Waterloo, 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.

2. Ordinance No. 3148 - Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3148, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Public Utilities Taxes Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Columbia, St. Clair and Monroe Counties, Illinois for the purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital project costs, and related facilities, improvements, and costs.

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.

H. Mayor

1. Monthly Report

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

2. City Representative for Columbia Athletic Association

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of Mayor Hutchinson and appoint City Administrator, James Morani, as the City Representative for the Columbia Athletic Association.

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 Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, 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	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**

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, December 8, 2014**

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

**IX. Executive Session**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel with regards to the City Engineer position and job responsibilities.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:23 P.M. to discuss personnel with regards to the City Engineer position and job responsibilities.

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 Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to return to Regular Session of the City Council 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.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis, Holtkamp, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

**X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session**

There was no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Alderman Reis inquired what job responsibilities for the City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer could be contracted out. Mr. Morani explained a lot of their time is spent in the field monitoring or managing projects and those types of services could be handled by independent engineering services. Alderman Roessler suggested Mr. Williams provide an evaluation of Mr. Ahrens' skills before he leaves.

**XI. Adjournment**

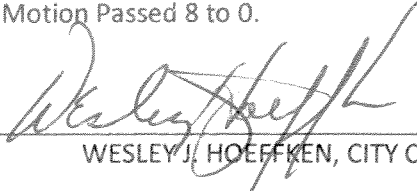
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:59 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.

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON