

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 IN THE COUNCL 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:

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

Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:09 P.M.

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

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| City Clerk Wes Hoeffken                        | City Administrator James Morani     |
| City Attorney Terry Bruckert                   | Building Inspector Justin Osterhage |
| Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis | Accounting Manager Linda Sharp      |
| Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens    | Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound     |
| Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf               |                                     |

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

A. Columbia High School Boys Soccer Team

Mayor Hutchinson recognized the Columbia High School soccer team for being the State Champions.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:09 P.M.

**A. Plan Commission**

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, January 26, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

**B. Building and Zoning**

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

**1. Ordinance No. 3161 - Special Use Permit - Anne's Doggy Spa, LLC**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3161, an ordinance to grant a Special Use Permit for real estate having the assigned address of 1200 Columbia Centre, in the City of Columbia, Illinois for Anne's Doggy Spa, LLC., to allow a pet grooming business in a C-2 (General Business) zoned district in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call Vote results:

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

**C. Community & Economic Development**

The monthly report of the Community & Economic Development department was presented by director Paul Ellis.

**1. Resolution No. 16-2014 - Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia Community Unit School District No. 4 – Construction of a batting cage at Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Resolution No. 16-2014, a resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with Columbia Community Unit School District No. 4. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3162 - Execute Agreement with Equity Trust Company

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3162, an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Brian Pendleton IRA, and the Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO David Wittenauer IRA to support a cooperative effort to reclaim the former Video Exchange site in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Special Event Request - Music at Metter

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Request for Music at Metter scheduled for May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, and July 26, 2015. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

4. Special Event Request - Eagle Sprint 5K/1M Fun/Run/Walk

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Request for the 4th Annual Eagle Sprint 5K/1M Fun/Run/Walk scheduled for March 7, 2015. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

D. Public Works

The monthly report of the Public Works department was presented by Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens.

1. Ordinance No. 3163 - Amend Bidding Requirements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3163, an ordinance amending the bidding requirements for Public Works contracts and supplies. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. IDOT Bid Letting - Concurrence to Award Bid for North Main Street Resurfacing Project - Phase 1

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to award the IDOT bid letting for the North Main Street Resurfacing Project - Phase 1 contract to the low bidder, Keeley & Sons, Inc. of East St. Louis, Illinois, in the amount of \$612,785.12. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Bids for 2015 Sanitary Sewer & Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the low bid of \$32,490.50 as submitted by Spectra Tech, of Noblesville, Indiana, for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer & Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Bids for Exterior Metal Siding Replacement for the Department of Public Works (DOPW) Building

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the low bid of \$14,149.00 as submitted by W.S.M, Inc., of East St. Louis, Illinois, for exterior metal replacement on the DOPW Building. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. 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 January 29, 2015 in the amount of one hundred ninety-eight thousand, six hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-seven cents (\$198,671.47). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through December 31, 2014 as presented and on file at City Hall.  
Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

F. City Attorney

1. Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park Opinion

Mr. Bruckert informed the Council that the City is prohibited from allowing events that charge an admission fee to the park. However, the sponsor of the event can accept donations for an event at the park. When asked a question about retail sales at these events, Mr. Bruckert responded that vendors are allowed to sell merchandise as long as they comply with state and local sales tax regulations.

G. City Administrator

The monthly report of the City Administrator was presented by James Morani.

1. Special Event Request - Songs 4 Soldiers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Special Event Request for the Songs 4 Soldiers concert scheduled for September 12, 2015.  
Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3164 – Prohibition of Operating City-Owned Vehicles or Motorized Equipment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3164, an ordinance amending the Columbia Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.68.575 (Prohibition Of Operating City-Owned Vehicles or Motorized Equipment) to the City Personnel Code. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Resolution No. 17-2014 - Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement for City of Columbia Emergency Medical Services employees

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Resolution No. 17-2014, a resolution approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Columbia, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Employ Full-Time EMT Paramedic – Michael Evans

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Michael Evans as a full-time EMT Paramedic contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Employ Paid Volunteer EMT Paramedic – Jeffrey Cutright

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Jeffrey Cutright as a paid volunteer EMT Paramedic contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

6. Employ Paid Volunteer EMT Paramedic – Gregory Croxton

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Gregory Croxton as a paid volunteer EMT Paramedic contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

7. Salary Range of Director of Planning & Development Administration

Mr. Morani informed the Council he would like to add a salary range to the employment advertisement for the Director of Planning and Development Administration position and recommended a salary range of \$65,000 to \$75,000.

H. Mayor

The 2014 year end report of the Mayor was presented by Mayor Hutchinson.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:



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

**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, February 9, 2015**

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

**IX. Executive Session**

There was no business brought before the Council for Executive Session.

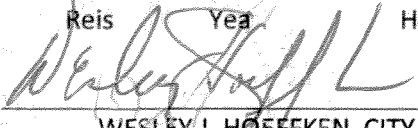
**X. Adjournment**

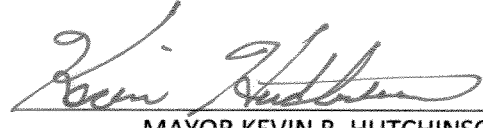
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:48 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

  
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 WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
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 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON