

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. Call To Order**

In Mayor Hutchinson's absence, Alderman Ebersohl 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	Absent
Niemietz	Present	Reis	Present
Roessler	Absent	Holtkamp	Present

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

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Plan Commissioner Karin Callis	Head Librarian Britta Krabill

**Temporary Meeting Chairman**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as the temporary meeting Chairman for this evening's meeting. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Abstain	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

**II. Executive Session**

Alderman Ebersohl informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for a matter regarding personnel.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Alderman Ebersohl to go into Executive Session at 7:02 P.M. to discuss a matter regarding personnel. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:17 P.M. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Reis, and Holtkamp were present.

**III. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

There were no delegations present.

**IV. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 2, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 2, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

**V. Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, January 13, 2015, were presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department and Communications

The monthly reports of the Police Department and the Communications Department were presented to the Council.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, February 9, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Karin Callis.

E. Building and Zoning

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

1. Ordinance No. 3165 - Zoning Code Variance - 323 Paul Street

Alderman Agne stated he was making the motion because of the history of the subdivision with the original set-back being 30 feet, and to allow ease of access to the garage for this property.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3165, an ordinance to grant a zoning code variance to Jon Poetker/JLP Construction for the property located at 323 Paul Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois, to reduce the front yard setback from the required forty (40) foot to twenty-four (24) foot. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

2. Zoning Code Variance - 525 Micah's Way

Mr. Osterhage stated this ordinance would be presented at the next council meeting as it requires a 2/3 vote of the Council for approval.

F. Community and Economic Development

The monthly report of Community and Economic Development was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Ordinance No. 3166 - Hotel and Motel Accommodation Tax Rebate Financing Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3166, an ordinance to authorize the extension of the Hotel and Motel Accommodation Tax Rebate Financing Agreement between the City of Columbia and MMCP, LLC. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

G. Public Works

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

1. Capital Improvement Projects

The list of capital improvement projects to be funded with revenues from the proposed Non-Home Rule Sales Tax was presented to the Council. This information will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015.

H. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 12, 2015 in the amount of one hundred eighty-eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-eight dollars and thirty-one cents (\$188,898.31). Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

2. Statement of Funds

Accounting Manager Linda Sharp informed the Council the Statement of Funds was not available. She also informed the Council the bond closing was finalized today and the funds are in the City's bank account.

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

J. Administration

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

1. Bidding and Contract Procedures

The Bidding and Contract Procedures for Goods and Services less than \$20,000.00 were presented to the Council.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Bidding and Contract Procedures for Goods and Services less than \$20,000.00. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

K. Mayor

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

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 5 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Council.

**VII. New Business**

There was no new business brought before the Council.

**VIII. Report of Standing Committees**

There were no Standing Committee reports.

**IX. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, February 23, 2015**

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

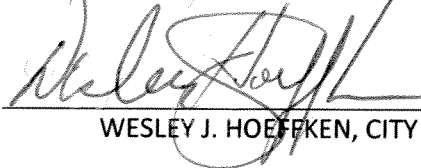
**X. Adjournment**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 8:01 P.M. Motion Passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

  
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 WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
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 MEETING CHAIRMAN GENE EBERSOHL