

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Mr. Andreas Heuser, special guest with the Gedern Exchange Student Program called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call vote, the following were:

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

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

*Alderman Ebersohl arrived at 7:02 P.M.

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	Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Plan Commissioner Gene Bergmann
Head Librarian Britta Krabill	

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. Recognize Chet Barker for Service with Board of Police Commissioners

Mayor Hutchinson and Chief Edwards presented a plaque to Mr. Chet Barker in recognition of his years serving on the Columbia Board of Police Commissioners.

B. Gedern Exchange Student Recognition

Mayor Hutchinson recognized the Gedern Exchange students and their chaperones and presented individual certificates of recognition to them.

C. Citizen Comments

Mr. John Cooper of 204 W. Gundlach expressed concern to the Mayor and City Council over high grass and water in the foundation at the old distillery building property and wanted the City to be aware of the situation.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 6, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 6, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Abstain	Niemietz	Abstain
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea				

Aldermen Agne and Niemietz abstained from voting as they were not present for the April 6, 2015 Council meeting.

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, March 10, 2015, was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police and Communications

The monthly reports of the Police Department and the Communication Department were presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

C. Emergency Medical Services

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

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Gene Bergmann.

E. Building and Zoning

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

1. Ordinance No. 3176 - Fox Run Estates Community Unit Plan

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3176, an Ordinance to approve the Fox Run Estates Community Unit Plan in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe and State of Illinois. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Improvement Plans for Fox Run Estates Phase I

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Building Inspector and approve the Improvement Plans for the Fox Run Estates Subdivision, Phase I, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

F. Community and Economic Development

The monthly report of the Community and Economic Development Department was presented to the Council.

G. Public Works

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

1. Purchase of Radio Reads for Water Meters

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works and approve the purchase of 916 radio reads for water meters at a cost of \$127,174.00 from HD Supply Waterworks. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

H. Finance

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 April 16, 2015 in the amount of three hundred nine thousand, eight hundred twenty-two dollars and eighteen cents (\$309,822.18). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Resolution No. 20-2014 - Transfer of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 20-2014, a Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Capital Development Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Resolution No. 21-2014 - Transfer of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Resolution No. 21-2014, a Resolution directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to transfer from the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Ordinance No. 3177 - Fees and Charges for City Services

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3177, an Ordinance to amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to enact the fees and charges to be assessed for City services and business licenses in the City for the City's fiscal year commencing May 1, 2015 and until said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change said fees and charges. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Ordinance No. 3178 - Establish Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3178, an Ordinance to establish the budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report to the Council.

J. Administration

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

1. Ordinance No. 3179 - Responsibilities and Obligations for City Parks and Recreation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3179, an Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the Columbia Athletic Association, the Columbia Khoury League, and Columbia Unit School District 4 to memorialize the responsibilities and obligations of each group and the City regarding parks and recreation 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	Reis	Yea
Holtkamp	Yea				

2. Ordinance No. 3180 - Fine Amounts for Ordinance Violations

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3180, an Ordinance amending various sections of the Columbia Municipal Code to set the fine amount for ordinance violations to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars and a maximum fine of seven hundred fifty dollars. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. REJIS Services Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to accept the recommendation of the City Administrator and approve the REJIS Services Agreement for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016, services to include up to 600 hours, to be billed at an hourly rate of \$73.00, for a total annual cost not to exceed \$43,800.00. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

K. Mayor

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

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, 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	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, April 27, 2015

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 and collective bargaining.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:30 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any action to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session. There was none.

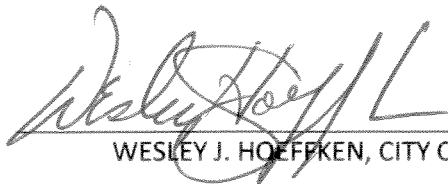
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, April 20, 2015 at 8:30 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



 WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON