

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 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	Reis	Present
Niemietz	Present	Holtkamp	Present
Roessler	Present	Martens	Present

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

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney J. D. Brandmeyer	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	Plan Commissioner Bill Seibel

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

A. TWM Scholarship Recipient - Karl Mulnik

Sheila Kimlinger with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship check to Karl Mulnik.

B. National Public Works Week

Mayor Hutchinson read a proclamation from the Governor declaring the week of May 17, 2015 through May 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week in the State of Illinois.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 4, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, May 4, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2015, was presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

The monthly reports of the Police Department and the Communications 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, May 11, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Bill Seibel.

E. Building and Zoning

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

1. Ordinance No. 3182 - Final Subdivision Plat for Fox Run Estates Phase I Subdivision

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3182, an ordinance for conditional approval of the Final Subdivision Plat for the Fox Run Estates Phase I Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Improvement Plans for Fox Run Estates Phase II Subdivision

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Improvement Plans for the Fox Run Estates Phase II Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois as submitted and amended and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

F. Community & Economic Development

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

1. Ordinance No. 3183 - Main Street District Plan Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3183, an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the Historic Main Street Columbia Association, Inc., an Illinois

non-profit corporation for completing the Main Street District Plan and administering supplemental services in support of said plan. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Special Event Request - July 4 Fireworks and Picnic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Fireworks Display and Picnic scheduled to be held July 4, 2015, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

G. Public Works

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

1. Stop Sign and Street Sign Replacement – Brellinger Subdivision

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage, and Public Utilities Committee and authorize the Public Works Department to replace all stop signs and street signs with hi-intensity signs and to replace all street sign posts with black powder coated square posts. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Employ Blake Stumpf as Seasonal Laborer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens to employ Blake W. Stumpf as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Employ James Zeveski as Seasonal Laborer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens to employ James A. Zeveski as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Employ Luke Franke as Seasonal Laborer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens to employ Luke J. Franke as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Employ Troy Berghoefer as Seasonal Laborer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens to employ Troy D. Berghoefer as a seasonal laborer, contingent upon completing all pre-employment requirements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

6. TWIGS Signage for Bolm-Schuhkraft

A request for signage for the TWIGS program was referred to Committee.

7. Roadway along McDonald's, Columbia Firestone, and Taco Bell

Mr. Joe Koppeis provided an update regarding the road improvement along the McDonald's, Columbia Firestone, and Taco Bell. Mr. Koppeis explained he has met with the owners of the McDonald's and some progress has been made after forwarding the traffic study to them. Mr. Koppeis then stated construction will begin in June.

H. 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 May 14, 2015 in the amount of three hundred thirty-four thousand, two hundred forty-four dollars, and fifty-five cents (\$334,244.55). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3184 - Bulk Water Fee and Charge

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3184, an ordinance to amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to enact a fee and charge to be assessed for Bulk Water in the City until said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change said fee and charge. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

I. City Attorney

There was no report from the City Attorney.

J. Administration

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

1. Resolution No. 01-2015 - Amendment I to Release and Settle Agreement with Ameren Illinois

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 01-2015, a resolution approving Amendment I to Release and Settlement Agreement with Ameren Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Resolution No. 02-2015 - Include Compensation Paid Under Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 02-2015, a resolution including compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

K. Mayor

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

1. Aldermanic Committee Assignments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Executive and Rules Committee and approve the Aldermanic Committee assignments as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3185 - Appoint Replacement Members for Various City Boards and Committees

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3185, an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a replacement member to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (Anthony Traxler) and the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund (Al Hudzik) for the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



3. Mayor Pro Tem June 1, 2015 - June 9, 2015

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to appoint Alderman Ebersohl as Mayor Pro Tem from June 1, 2015 through June 9, 2015 while Mayor Hutchinson is out of the City. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
7:00 P.M. - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage & Public Utilities  
7:10 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 collective bargaining agreements.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining agreements. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:54 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

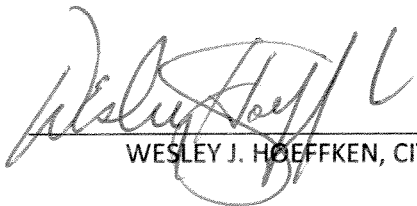
**X. Adjournment**

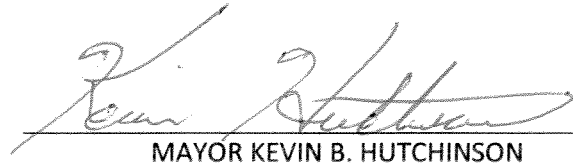
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:55 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

  
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 WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
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 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON