

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 6:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

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

Quorum present.

Note: Aldermen Ebersohl and Holtkamp arrived during the first Executive Session.

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 Virgil Mueller	Head Librarian Britta Krabill

**II. Executive Session**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), (2), and (11).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and pending litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), (2), and (11). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 6:41 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. The Council recessed until 7:00 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

A. Columbia Sister Cities Recognition

Ingrid Soraghan of the Columbia Sister Cities organization informed the Council that Columbia's sister city, Gedern, was recognized as the most active German-American City Partnership for 2014.

B. Monroe County Bicentennial Chairmen

Monroe County Bicentennial Chairmen Dennis Knobloch and Mike Kovarik presented information about the upcoming Monroe County Bicentennial celebration.

**IV. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting – Monday, August 3, 2015

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 3, 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		

**V. Report of Departments and Officers**

**A. Library**

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of July 14, 2015, was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

**B. Police and Communications**

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

**1. Hire Melanie Herbeck as a Telecommunicator**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Melanie Herbeck as a Telecommunicator, contingent upon satisfying 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		

**2. Hire Michael Barnett as a Police Officer**

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Michael Barnett as a Police Officer, contingent upon satisfying 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		

**C. Emergency Medical Services**

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

1. Agreement with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and enter into an agreement with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd. to provide medical billing services for the City of Columbia, Illinois at a rate of 5% for all collected payments. 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		

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, August 10, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Virgil Mueller.

E. Building and Zoning

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

1. The Wernings Phase IV Improvement Plans

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of the Building Inspector and approve the Wernings Phase IV Improvement Plans as submitted 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 and Economic Development

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

1. Special Event Request - Who Dat's Shrimp Boil

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Who Dat's Shrimp Boil scheduled to be held August 29, 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 Department was presented by Interim Director Tim Ahrens.

1. Waive the Bidding Requirements for Bolm-Schuhkraft Tennis Courts Improvements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to waive the bidding requirements for the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park tennis courts improvements due to the fact the City already has an existing agreement with McConnell & Associates for this project and it is necessary to change the scope of work. 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. Proposal from McConnell & Associates for Bolm-Schuhkraft Tennis Courts Improvements

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to accept the recommendation of the Interim Director of Public Works and enter into an agreement with McConnell & Associates to perform improvements to the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park tennis courts at a cost not to exceed \$30,540.00. 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		

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 August 13, 2015 in the amount of two hundred one thousand, one hundred twenty dollars, and sixty-three cents (\$201,120.63). 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

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had nothing to report.

J. Administration

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

1. Ordinance No. 3200 - Amend Title 18 - Fees and Charges for Park Facility Reservation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve Ordinance No. 3200, an ordinance to amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to enact and amend the fees and charges to be assessed for Park Facility Reservation 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 fees and charges. 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.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented 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		

**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 was no Report of Standing Committees.

**IX. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, August 24, 2015**

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

**X. Executive Session**

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and pending litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), (2), and (11).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:27 P.M. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and pending litigation as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1), (2), and (11). 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 Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:17 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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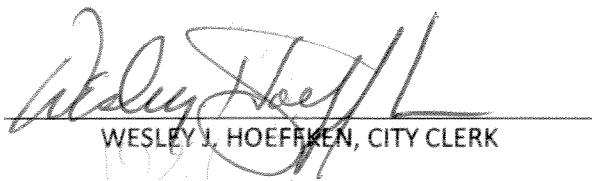
**XI. Adjournment**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, August 17, 2015 at 8:17 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		

  
WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON