

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Alderman Niemietz called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:01 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

Ebersohl	Absent	Huch	Absent
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	Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Plan Commissioner William Seibel	

A. Mayor Pro Tem

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to, in the absence of Mayor Hutchinson, appoint Alderman Niemietz as Mayor Pro Tem for the Council Meeting.

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Abstain	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. Proclamation - Constitution of the United States Week

Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz read a proclamation declaring the week of September 8, 2015 as Constitution Week. Mrs. Florence Mulligan then addressed the Council regarding Constitution Week and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 17, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 17, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the first Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, August 17, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the first Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, August 17, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

The minutes of the second Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, August 17, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the second Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, August 17, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, August 24, 2015 were presented by Commissioner William Seibel.

B. Building and Zoning

1. Ordinance No. 3201 - Temporary Signs for Special Events

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman, Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3201, an ordinance amending Section 15.44.165 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code regarding special displays and other temporary signs for special events. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

2. Songs 4 Soldiers Signage

Mr. Osterhage informed the Council that IDOT has approved providing two (2) lighted information signs for the Songs 4 Soldiers event to be used for directing attendees to the event.

C. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Special Event Request - Columbia High School Homecoming Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Columbia High School Homecoming Parade scheduled to be held September 16, 2015, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

2. Oak Street Building

Mr. Ellis informed the Council the City has advertised for bids for improvement to the Oak Street building.

3. Miller-Fiege Home

Mr. Ellis informed the Council the Miller-Fiege Home will be open in time for the Art on the Bluffs event.

D. Public Works

The monthly report of the Public Works Department was presented to the Council.

E. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 3, 2015 in the amount of three hundred eight thousand, five hundred eight dollars, and seventy-seven cents (\$308,508.77). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2015 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney informed the Council he had nothing to report.

G. Administration

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

1. Resolution No. 08-2015 - Library Tax Levy

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Resolution No. 08-2015, a Resolution to levy a tax of .02% of the value of the taxable property in the City of Columbia, Illinois, for Columbia Public Library Building and Equipment purposes for the fiscal year of the City commencing May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

H. Mayor

1. Ordinance No. 3202 - Appoint Member to Board of Library Directors – Chris Trowbridge

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3202, an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a replacement member to the Board of Library Directors for the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

2. Ordinance No. 3203 - Fill Office of City Engineer and Set Compensation – Christopher A. Smith

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve Ordinance No. 3203, an ordinance to fill the Office of City Engineer and set the compensation of that appointed City Officer. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

A. Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz informed the council there will be a Drug Forum on October 1, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. and Sergeant Conrad from the Columbia Police Department will be the guest speaker. Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz stated more information would be forthcoming.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Standing Committee reports.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, September 14, 2015

7:00 P.M. - Refuse Collection and Recycling

7:10 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the reports of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Niemietz inquired if there was any business that needed to be conducted in Executive Session. There was none.

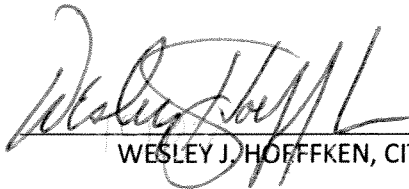
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:34 P.M. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Martens	Yea


WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK


MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, MAYOR PRO TEM