

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, 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	Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound
Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf	Head Librarian Britta Krabill
Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

**A. Shannon Crook**

Mrs. Shannon Crook explained to the Council that her husband is a disabled Army veteran who wants to construct a deck on the back of their house. Mrs. Crook then explained there are several organizations involved in making this happen and one of the organizations failed to file a zoning variance with the City. Mrs. Crook added that Mr. Osterhage has been very cooperative but the construction project is scheduled to begin this Wednesday and she would appreciate any special consideration from the Council. Mayor Hutchinson thanked Mrs. Crook for her husband's service and stated the City will do everything it can to expedite the request, but must adhere to its ordinances. Mr. Morani explained that he has already discussed this issue with the City Attorney and will address it with him again to determine what can be done to process this request in the quickest manner.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Abstain	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Abstain	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, August 11, 2015, were presented by Ms. Britta Krabill.

B. Police and Communications

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

C. Emergency Medical Services

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

1. Employ Ryan Young as Full-Time EMT-Paramedic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Ryan Young as a full-time EMT-Paramedic, contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements of the City. 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 Justin Ellis as Part-Time EMT-Paramedic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Justin Ellis as a part-time EMT-Paramedic,

contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements of the City. 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 Dean Busch as Part-Time EMT-Basic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Dean Busch as a part-time EMT-Basic, contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements of the City. 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 Ryan Kaylor as Part-Time EMT-Basic

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept the recommendation of Chief Edwards and employ Ryan Kaylor as a part-time EMT-Basic, contingent upon satisfying all pre-employment requirements of the City. 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, September 14, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

E. Building and Zoning

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

1. Ordinance No. 3204 - Amend Special Use Exceptions, Requirements, and Procedures

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3204, an ordinance amending Section 17.40.010 (D) of the City of Columbia Municipal Code regarding Special Use Exceptions, Requirements, and Procedures. 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 Mr. Paul Ellis.

1. Special Event Request - Festifall

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Request for Columbia Festifall, scheduled to be held September 27, 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		

2. Special Event Request - Scare Square and Pumpkin Glow

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Request for Scare Square and Pumpkin Glow, scheduled to be held October 31, 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		

3. Special Event Request - Bright Night Christmas Parade

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Request for Bright Night Christmas Parade, scheduled to be held December 5, 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 Mr. Tim Ahrens.

1. Purchase John Deere 1570 Commercial Front Mower

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the purchase of a John Deere 1570 Commercial Front Mower from John Deere Company under the state contract for the amount of \$23,064.96. 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. Illinois Potable Water Association - Operator of the Year.

Mr. Ahrens informed the Council that Mr. Steve Mueller of the Public Works Department was awarded the Operator of the Year award by the Illinois Potable Water Association.

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 September 17, 2015 in the amount of two hundred sixty-nine thousand, twenty-five dollars and eighty cents (\$269,025.80). 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

Mr. Brandmeyer stated he had nothing to report to the Council.

J. Administration

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

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 Niemietz, 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		

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, September 28, 2015**

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

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 as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). 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 Agne, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:01 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.

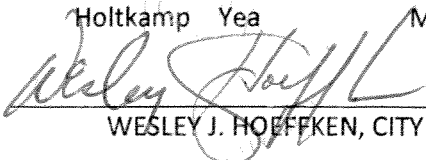
**X. Adjournment**


Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:01 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. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON