

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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 Terry Bruckert	City Engineer Chris Smith
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Acting Chief of Police Jerry Paul
Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf	Head Librarian Britta Krabill
Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. Donations from PLAY Foundation

Mr. John Traube of the PLAY Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$2,700.00 as a memorial to Linda Todd for the purchase of a bench and table to be placed in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park. Mr. Traube thanked Doug Rose and Bill Todd for the donation. Mr. Traube then recognized the Columbia Rotary Club for their donation of \$2,459.00 for the purchase of nine (9) Pet Refuse Stations for Bolm-Schuhkraft Park.

Alderman Niemietz, Chairman of the Parks Committee, expressed her gratitude for the donations.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, February 1, 2016 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 1, 2016 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 report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, January 12, 2016, was presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

The reports of the Police Department and the Communications Department were presented to the Council.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented to the Council.

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, February 8, 2016 were presented to the Council.

E. Building and Zoning

The report of the Building Department was presented to the Council.

F. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Songs 4 Soldiers Discussion

Mr. Ellis stated the City Attorney had concluded research regarding the use of the park for the Songs 4 Soldiers event. Mr. Bruckert stated there is a section in the state statute that provides exceptions to the use of the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park for sailors and soldiers and that the City has the discretion to allow it to be used for this purpose. He is confident the City and the Song 4 Soldiers organization will be able to work through any outstanding issues.

2. Resolution No. 18-2015 - Public Hearing for Main Street Abbey TIF

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Resolution No. 18-2015, a resolution establishing the time and place for a Public Hearing to consider a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project for the proposed Main Street Abbey Redevelopment Project Area. 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. Ordinance No. 3243 - Equity Trust Company Custodian Amended Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3243, an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to amend an agreement with the Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Brian Pendleton IRA, and the Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO David Wittenauer IRA to support cooperative effort to reclaim the former Video Exchange site 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		

G. City Engineer/Public Works

The report of the City Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 16-2015 - North Main Street Resurfacing Project Phase 1

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Resolution No. 16-2015, a resolution appropriating funding to the North Main Street Resurfacing Project Phase 1. 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 Martens, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 11, 2016 in the amount of one hundred ninety-one thousand, seven hundred thirty-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$191,735.45).

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. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through January 31, 2016 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		

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

J. Administration

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3244 - Amended Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No. 3244, an ordinance amending the Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance of 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		

K. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3245 - Tourism Advisory Committee Appointment - Jill Bauer

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3245, an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a replacement member to the Tourism Advisory Committee 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		

2. Ordinance No. 3246 - Heritage and Preservation Commission Appointment - JoAnn Sander

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3246, an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a replacement member to the Columbia Heritage and Preservation Commission 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		

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		

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 Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, February 22, 2016

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 personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss personnel as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 8:29 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.

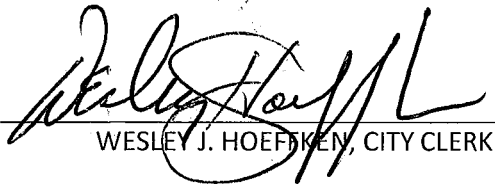
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:30 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. HOEFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON