

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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**I. Opening**

Mayor Hutchinson opened the public hearing at 6:45 P.M.

The following Alderman were:

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

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken  
City Attorney J. D. Brandmeyer  
City Engineer Chris Smith  
Director of Community Development Emily Fultz

City Administrator James Morani  
Chief of Police and EMS Director Jerry Paul  
Building Official Justin Osterhage

**II. Purpose**

Mayor Hutchinson explained the Public Hearing was scheduled to consider an amendment to the Annexation Agreement for the Villages of Wernings Phase IV Subdivision.

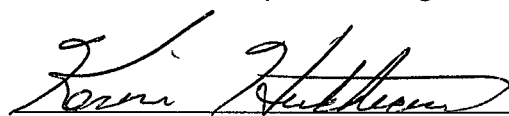
**III. Public Comments**

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any comments from the public or the Council. There were none

**IV. Close of Public Hearing**

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Hutchinson closed the public hearing at 6:45 P.M.

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN HUTCHINSON

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 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	Absent

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	Building Official Justin Osterhage
City Engineer Chris Smith	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Chief of Police and EMS Director Jerry Paul	Plan Commissioner Karin Callis
Director of Community Development Emily Fultz	

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

**A. Violence Protection**

County Commissioner Terry Liefer informed the Council the County has not yet made a definitive decision regarding the Violence Protection Center, but is considering hiring Ms. Mudd as an employee. Mr. Liefer added the County has committed funding until their second Board meeting in August. Mr. Liefer then stated the County would like to work with Columbia and Waterloo to find a solution to retain this service in the County.

Ms. Darlene Jones informed the Council that in the past, federal funds were distributed among 18 agencies throughout the State and this year the funds are being distributed to 46 agencies. Ms. Jones also explained the decision to cut funds to Monroe County was appealed, but the appeal was denied. Ms. Jones then explained the agency serves as an advocate for violence prevention in the County. Ms. Jones also explained staff is trained and certified.

Mr. Liefer stated again that the long term goal of the County is to hire Ms. Mudd as a full-time employee and would like to have the City designate someone to work with the County to identify a solution. The Council agreed that Mr. Morani and Chief Paul should work with the County. Ms. Jones stated the best solution is for Ms. Mudd to stay with the agency.

### III. Read and Approve Minutes

#### A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 20, 2016 were submitted for approval.

#### Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 20, 2016 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Alderman Roessler abstained because he was not present for the meeting.

#### B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 20, 2016 were submitted for approval.

#### Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, June 20, 2016 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Alderman Roessler abstained because he was not present for the meeting.

### IV. Report of Departments and Officers

#### A. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meeting minutes of Monday, June 13, 2016 were presented to the Council.

B. Building and Zoning

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

1. Ordinance No. 3275 - Village of Wernings Phase IV Annexation Agreement Amendment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3275, an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to Annexation Agreement regarding the Village of Wernings Phase IV. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

C. Community Development

The report of Community Development was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 05-2016 - Release Second Mortgage - 121-127 North Main Street

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Resolution No. 05-2016, a resolution authorizing the Execution of Release of a second mortgage on property located at 121-127 North Main Street within the City. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Special Event - Lupus WolfRide GranFondo and Family Fun Course

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Lupus WolfRide GranFondo and Family Fun Course as amended and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

D. City Engineer/Public Works

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

1. Resolution No. 06-2016 - Wilson Creek Easement and Right-of-Way

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Resolution No. 06-2016, a resolution accepting an easement and right-of-way for the Wilson Creek North Tributary Culvert at Valmeyer Road from Equity Trust Company. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. HTC Proposal - Utility Relocation for Valmeyer Road Culvert Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the proposal of \$76,921.94 from Harrisonville Telephone Company for the relocation of telecommunications conduit and cable system on the private HTC easement at 1019 Valmeyer Road to clear the way for placement of a new culvert. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. 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 June 30, 2016 in the amount of one hundred sixty-five thousand, two hundred four dollars and fourteen cents (\$165,204.14). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Statement of Funds through May 31, 2016 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

G. Administration

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council. Mr. Morani informed the Council he was deferring action on this issue because of changes to the agreement.

1. Agreement Between Columbia and Horner and Shifrin - GIS Hosted Services

No action was taken.

2. Agreement Between Columbia and Horner and Shifrin - GIS Services

No action was taken.

Mr. John Gilmore, with Horner and Shifrin, provided an overview of the GIS software application offered by his firm. Alderman Niemietz inquired as to what services were included in the contract. Mr. Morani explained the services included an annual fee to host the GIS service and also included funds to customize the application for uses unique to the City, with the initial focus on building inspections, occupancy inspections, and code violations modules. Mr. Osterhage explained the application would reduce the time his office spends conducting inspections and researching annexations. Mayor Hutchinson stated the application could eventually provide access to calendars for scheduling parks, ball fields, and other facilities available to the public.

H. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

**V. Old Business**

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

**VI. New Business**

A. Columbia Police Department

Chief Paul informed the Council that he would like to proceed with the hiring of a new police officer to replace the recent retirement of another officer. Chief Paul explained there is a sense of urgency because the next police academy begins in a few weeks. Chief Paul also stated the hiring would be contingent upon the officer passing a medical, psychological, and drug test. The Council agreed to proceed with the hiring of a new police officer.

**VII. Report of Standing Committees**

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings**

**Monday, July 11, 2016**

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

**IX. Executive Session**

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was anything that needed to be discussed in Executive Session. There was none.

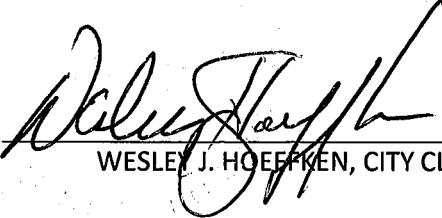
**X. Adjournment**

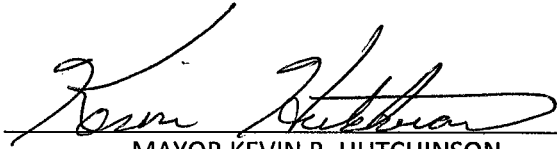
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 8:09 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

  
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