

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008 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 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Agne	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent
Unnerstall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	<input type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Anthony Traxler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 21, 2008 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 21, 2008, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Hejna Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

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Moved by: Unnerstall Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Columbia Hurricanes Swim and Dive Team

Mayor Hutchinson recognized the Columbia Hurricanes Swim and Dive Team for winning the 2008 Kaskaskia Swim and Dive League Conference.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Building and Zoning

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

B. Community and Economic Development

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

1. Great River Ride Park Use

Alderman Niemietz stated some of the participants in the Great River Ride will be staying at the Hampton Inn, and others will be camping out in the Park and explained current ordinances determine this to be trespassing after dark. Alderman Niemietz then stated the Council needs to address this by excusing these types of events from the current rules. Mr. Adams added Section 12.32.020 and Section 12.32.030 regarding City Park Curfew are inconsistent with one another and Section 12.32.030 needs to be repealed and Section 12.32.020 needs to be amended to provide that the City Council can allow use of the park after curfew hours for special events. It was agreed by the Council to have Mr. Adams draft the necessary ordinance.

C. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

D. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2672 - Purchase Property - 118 Oak Street

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2672, an ordinance authoring a Real Estate Sales Contract for the City of Columbia, Illinois to purchase from Budnick Converting, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, real estate having the assigned address of 118 Oak Street, Columbia, Illinois to be owned, used, maintained, and operated by the City of Columbia, Illinois as a public building and property, contingent upon the completion of an inspection of the building by the Building Inspector of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Row Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Ordinance - Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

Action on this ordinance was deferred until a Committee meeting can be held to review the proposal and the items included in the agreement.

3. Ordinance - Internet Technology Software License Agreement

Action on this ordinance was deferred until a Committee meeting can be held to review the proposal and the items included in the agreement.

4. Ordinance - HTC Underground Communications Systems Easement

Mr. Adams informed the Council this ordinance was not ready for review and approval.

5. Bolm-Schuhkraft Park - Amend Trespassing Rules

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary ordinance to amend Chapters 12.3.00 12.3.02 to provide authority to the City Council to waive the trespassing rules for the Bolm-Schuhkraft Park for special over night events.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

E. Mayor

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

1. Interim City Administrator

Mayor Hutchinson introduced Mr. Hank Sinda to the Council and stated his resume would be discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Hutchinson explained money should not drive the decision on how the day to day operations of the City are managed and explained the importance of having someone who can interface with all of the departments. Aldermen Hejna and Unnerstall expressed concern about this temporary appointment.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Row Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 1, 2008; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred twenty-three thousand, five hundred forty-three dollars, and one cent (\$223,543.01).

Moved by: Hejna Second: Unnerstall Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing April 26, 2008 and ending May 25, 2008 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing April 26, 2008 and ending May 25, 2008, as submitted and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution - Release of Executive Session Minutes

Alderman Row stated he would like to discuss this in Executive Session since the minutes in question contain some questionable comments.

B. Ordinance - Library Board Appointment

Mayor Hutchinson stated he would entertain a motion to pass an ordinance appointing Mr. Dan Brutton as a member of the Columbia Library Board. There was no motion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HSMC - "Me and My Mutt" Fundraiser

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request of the Humane Society of Monroe County to hold their annual "Me and My Mutt" Dog Walk Fundraiser as requested and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. IML Conference Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson stated that due to budget cuts for travel and education, there is a limited budget to send participants to the annual Illinois Municipal League conference. There was a brief discussion as to what funds were actually available. It was agreed to refer this to the Finance Committee for review.

C. Columbia Gymnastic Association - Columbia Daze Parade

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the request of the Columbia Gymnastic Association to hold their annual Columbia Daze Parade on Saturday, August 16, 2008 as requested and on file at City Hall, and contingent upon coordination with the Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Department of Public Works.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

D. Resolution No. 04-2008 - IL Federal Surplus Property Program

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No 04-2008, a resolution authorizing the participation in a State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee

Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held Monday, May 12, 2008 were presented to the Council for approval.

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting of the City Council since Alderman Agne was not present for the Council meeting.

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, August 11, 2008

- 7:00 PM - Personnel
- 7:05 PM - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest
- 7:10 PM - Joint Meeting
 - Finance, Claims, Bonds, and Interest
 - Fire Department

Monday, August 25, 2008

- 7:00 PM - License, Insurance Claims, CEMA, and Contracts

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, release of closed session minutes, and litigation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:09 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, release of closed session minutes and litigation.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 9:25 PM.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
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Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

A. Resolution No. 05-2008 - Release of Executive Session Minutes

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass Resolution No. 05-2008, a resolution releasing certain closed session minutes.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Nay	Oberkfell	Nay
Agne	Absent	Row	Nay	Stumpf	Nay
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Nay		

Motion Failed 2 To 5

B. Appointment of Temporary City Administrator

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Mr. Hank Sinda as a temporary City Administrator and to direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary paperwork employing Mr. Sinda.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Nay	Oberkfell	Nay
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Nay	Hutchinson	Yea

Motion Carried 5 To 3

XI. ADJOURNMENT

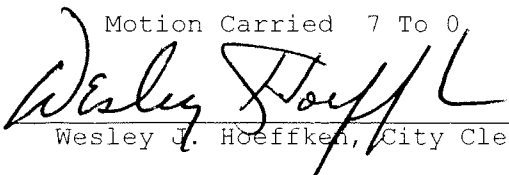
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 4, 2008 at 9:27 PM.

Moved by: Row Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Unnerstall	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea
Agne	Absent	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Hejna	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0.


Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson