

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following were:

Ebersohl	Present	Agne	Present
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Present
Huch	Present	Reis	Present
Holtkamp	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 Director of EMS Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon	Dir. of Community Dev. Emily Fultz
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht	

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. Route 3 Corridor Discussion

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken read a statement from Mayor Hutchinson expressing sadness over the tragic accident last week and stating the City will be working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) once the final police report is issued for the accident.

Deputy Chief Donjon distributed traffic statistics from 2008 through 2017. Chief Paul defined his use of the term Route 3 Corridor as being that section of Route 3 from North Main south to the YMCA. Chief Paul then presented an explanation about how the lights along the Route 3 Corridor are synchronized and that a driver can hit all lights under green if they maintain the speed limit. Chief Paul then stated because of this, it is easier to patrol for speeders. Chief Paul also explained the parameters for determining if a driver has run a red light, including counting the time from when a car crosses the white stop line until it clears the intersection. Chief Paul added that patrolling the Route 3 Corridor has always been a priority of the Columbia Police Department and will continue to be, referencing several IDOT sponsored grants the City has received in the past that focused on traffic patrols along Route 3. Chief Paul then reviewed the traffic statistics from 2008 through 2017. Chief Paul also stated that while the controlled intersections are set to a pre-determined cycle, the loop is longer for north bound traffic in the mornings, and longer for south bound traffic in the evening as a way to handle rush hour traffic.

Chief Paul added there is also a variation in the loop for school traffic. Chief Paul concluded by explaining the program that controls the lights can also sense increased side street traffic volumes and adjust the loop accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl inquired if there were any comments or questions from the Council. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl then inquired if there were any questions or comments from the public.

Ms. Tara Masidonski, with the Citizens Demanding Changes On Illinois Route 3 Columbia, Illinois, inquired if the counts were current. Chief Paul stated the counts were for 2017 but he does not have updated figures for traffic on the side streets. Ms. Masidonski then stated one of the most challenging traffic issues is making a left turn off of Veterans Parkway onto Route 3.

Alderman Roessler thanked Chief Paul for providing the information and stated he was not aware of the engineering and programming that was involved with all of the traffic lights along the Route 3 Corridor. Alderman Roessler added that aggressive driving will ultimately result in being stopped at one of the red lights. Chief Paul stated IDOT has been a good partner and even issued a press release after the accident indicating they are looking for input to address driving issues along Route 3.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Alderman Niemietz abstained because she was not present for the meeting.

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Community Development

The report of the Community Development Department was presented to the Council.

1. Special Event - Rotten Egg Hunt

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Rotten Egg Hunt, 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 - Sweetie & The Toothaches Concert

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Sweetie & The Toothaches Concert, 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 - Main Street Spot Sale

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Main Street Spot Sale, 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		

B. City Engineer

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

1. Accept Bid for Admiral Trost Park Stormwater Mitigation and Wetland Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the low bid of \$442,339.30 as submitted by DJM Ecological Services, Inc. for the Admiral Trost Park Stormwater Mitigation and Wetland Project and to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for said project. 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. Accept Bid for Main Street Water Main Replacement Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to accept the low bid of \$480,790.46 as submitted by S Shafer Excavating, Inc. for the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project and to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for said project. 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		

C. Finance

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 1, 2018 in the amount of two hundred twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty-six cents (\$227,973.26). 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. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

E. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

F. City Administrator

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

G. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, 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

A. Audubon Society

Alderman Niemietz informed the Council she recently received a call from Columbia resident, Mr. Paul Butler, concerning the City's interest in being a Partner Community in the Bring Conservation Home Program sponsored by the St. Louis Audubon Society. Alderman Niemietz added that unless there was an objection from the Council, she will contact Mr. Mitch Leachman, Executive Director for the St. Louis Audubon Society, and request additional information. It was agreed to pursue this program.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - March 12, 2018

Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

Mayor Pro Tem Ebersohl inquired if there was any business to be addressed in Executive Session. There was none.

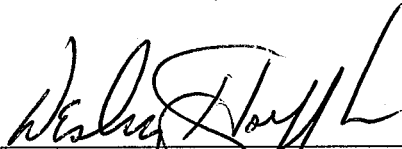
X. Adjournment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:37 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. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR PRO TEM GENE EBERSOHL