

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 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 Terry Bruckert	Chief of Police Jerry Paul
City Engineer Chris Smith	Head Librarian Annette Bland
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Dir. of Community Dev. Emily Fultz
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht	

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

There were no delegations or citizen comments.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 2, 2018 were submitted for approval.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 2, 2018 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		

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 2, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, April 2, 2018 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 was presented to the Council.

B. Police and Communications

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

1. New Police Officer

Chief Paul explained the Board of Police Commissioners has decided on a candidate for the position of Police Officer, but the officer just recently purchased a home in another community and might need additional time to sell his home and move to Columbia. Mr. Morani explained the Council can grant a 12-month extension for the residency requirements.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Chief of Police and grant a 12-month extension for residency for the employment of a new Police Officer, contingent upon the candidate satisfying all pre-employment requirements including a background check and medical and psychological examinations. 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. Emergency Medical Services

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

D. Community Development

The report of Community Development was presented to the Council.

1. Veterans Memorial Proposal from the Oerter Foundation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Veterans Memorial Proposal from the Oerter Foundation to erect flag poles for each branch of the military and the American Flag, benches, and the appropriate lighting. 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. Special Event – First Baptist Church of Columbia 5K Color Run and One-Mile Fun Walk

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the First Baptist Church of Columbia 5K Color Run and One-Mile Fun Walk 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 – EMS/Public Safety Open House

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the EMS/Public Safety Open House 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		

4. Special Event – Immaculate Conception School (ICS) 5K Run

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the ICS 5K Run 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		

5. Special Event – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration 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		

6. Ordinance No. 3393 - Sign Code Variances - 235 and 237 North Main Street

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve Ordinance No. 3393, an Ordinance Granting Variances From Sections 15.44.070 and 15.44.100 of the Sign Code to Jessica Rachell for the Property Having the Assigned Parcel Identification Number of 04-16-483-001-000 with the Common Addresses of 235 and 237 North Main Street, 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		

7. Ordinance No. 3394 - Zoning Code Variances - 506 Westpark Drive

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3394, an Ordinance to Grant Zoning Code Variances to Larry Godare for Property Located at 506 Westpark Drive in the City of Columbia, Illinois From Section 17.20.050 (A) of the Columbia Municipal Code and the Meadow Ridge No. 3 Final Subdivision Plat. 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		

8. Ordinance No. 3395 - Special Use Permit - Three Tails Parlor and Pantry - 117 West Locust

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3395, an Ordinance to Grant a Special Use Permit for Real Estate having the Assigned Address of 117 West Locust Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois for Taylor R. Gonzalez (Three Tails Parlor and Pantry) to allow a Pet Grooming Business in a C-2 (General Business) Zoned District 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		

E. City Engineer

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

F. 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 April 12, 2018 in the amount of two hundred ninety-six thousand, one hundred seventy-four dollars and sixty-three cents (\$296,174.63). 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. Resolution No. 2018-05 – Transfer Funds From Capital Development Fund to General Corporate Fund (\$300,000)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Resolution No. 2018-05, a Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer From the Capital Development Fund to the General Corporate Fund of the City the Sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000). 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. Resolution No. 2018-06 – Transfer Funds From Garbage Fund to General Corporate Fund (\$50,000)

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Resolution No. 2018-06, a Resolution Directing the Treasurer of the City of Columbia to Transfer From the Garbage Fund of the City to the General Corporate Fund of the City the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). 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. Ordinance No. 3396 – Amending Ordinance No. 3321 Which Established the Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3396, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3321 Which Established the Budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. 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		

5. Ordinance No. 3397 – Amend Title 18 Fees and Charges of Columbia Municipal Code

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3397, an Ordinance to Amend Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to Enact Fees and Charges to be Assessed for City Services and Business Licenses in the City for the City’s Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2018 and Until Said Title 18 of the City’s Municipal Code is Again Amended by Ordinance of the City Enacted to Change Said Fees and Charges. 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		

6. Ordinance No. 3398 – Establish Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve Ordinance No. 3398, an Ordinance to Establish the Budget for the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of Said City Commencing May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019. 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 Clerk

1. Outdoor Warning Siren Presentation

Mr. Hoeffken presented an update regarding the Mass Notification System.

Mr. Greg Evans of 8 Spring Terrace Court stated the noon and 6:00 pm bells are too loud and 21 seconds is too long for sounding them.

H. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

I. City Administrator

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

1. Ordinance No. 3399 – Amend Code Regarding Reinstatement of Water Service

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3399, an Ordinance Amending Section 13.12.060 of the City Code Regarding Reinstatement of Water Service. 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. 3400 – Amend City Code Regarding Electrical Contractors

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Ordinance No. 3400, an Ordinance Amending Section 15.32.170 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code Regarding Electrical Contractors. 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. 3401 – Amend Liquor Code

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve Ordinance No. 3401, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.20 of the City of Columbia Liquor Code.

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. Ordinance No. 3402 – Prohibiting Liquor Licenses to Certain Persons or Entities

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Ordinance No. 3402, an Ordinance Prohibiting Liquor Licenses to Certain Persons or Entities.

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		

J. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance No. 3403 – Appointment of Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve Ordinance No. 3403, an Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of Members of Certain Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019. 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 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 Reports of Standing Committees.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - April 23, 2018**

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 under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:43 P.M. to discuss collective bargaining as permitted under 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 Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:48 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.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

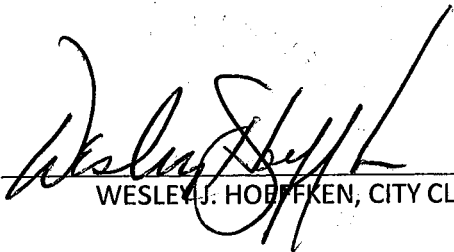
**X. Adjournment**

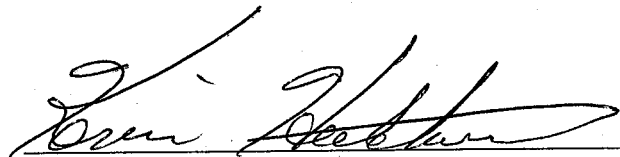
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:49 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

  
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 WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
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 MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON