

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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	Agne	Present
Niemietz	Present	Roessler	Present
Huch	Absent	Reis	Present
Holtkamp	Present	Martens	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken  
City Attorney John Long  
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp  
EMS Chief Kim Lamprecht

City Administrator James Morani  
City Engineer Chris Smith  
Deputy Chief of Police Jason Donjon

**II. Delegation/Public Comments**

There were no delegations or citizen comments.

**A. Tim May Recognition**

Mayor Hutchinson read and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tim May in recognition and appreciation of 28 years of dedicated service with the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department and the Columbia Emergency Medical Service Department.

**B. Constitution Week Proclamation**

Mayor Hutchinson read and presented a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2018 as Constitution Week.

**C. Edie Koch – Monroe County IL Economic Development Corporation**

Ms. Edie Koch provided a briefing on the activities of the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation specific to attracting and retaining business in the County.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting**

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

Motion:

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

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

**B. Executive Session**

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Held Monday, August 20, 2018 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, August 20, 2018 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

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

**IV. Report of Departments and Officers**

**A. Police and Communications**

The report of the Police and Communications Department was presented to the Council.

1. Resolution No. 2018-12 – Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia Community Unit School District #4

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Resolution No. 2018-12, a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbia Community Unit School District #4. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Community Development

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

C. City Engineer/Public Works

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

D. 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 August 30, 2018 in the amount of two hundred eighty-three thousand, sixty-six dollars and eighty-four cents (\$283,066.84). Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2018 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

E. City Clerk

The City Clerk presented his report to the Council.

F. City Attorney

The City Attorney presented his report to the Council.

G. City Administrator

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

1. Resolution No. 2018-13 – Library Tax Levy for May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Resolution No. 2018-13, a Resolution to Levy a Tax of .02% of the Value of the Taxable Property in the City of Columbia, Illinois, for Columbia Public Library Building and Equipment Purposes for the Fiscal Year of the City Commencing May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Resolution No. 2018-14 – Execute Separation Agreement and General Release - William Lowe

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve Resolution No. 2018-14, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Separation Agreement and General Release with William Lowe. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

H. Mayor

The report of the Mayor was presented to the Council.

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, 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	Absent	Reis	
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 Reports of Standing Committees.

**VIII. Call for Committee Meetings - September 10, 2018**

Public Infrastructure, Municipal Services, and Utilities

Public Safety

Committee of the Whole

**IX. Executive Session**

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

Route 3 – Recent Traffic Accident

Mr. Jeff Bergman addressed the Council regarding the recent Route 3 traffic accident. Mr. Bergman then offered the following suggestions:

- Lower the speed limit, especially with the two schools located along the corridor.
- Reprogram the lights with a longer yellow light.
- Add a delay between the time one light turns red and the cross light turns green.

Mr. Bergman then stated these are simple solutions.

Mr. Morani stated the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is already conducting a Signal Coordination and Timing study. Mr. Smith stated there has been a lot of discussion with IDOT and they are already reviewing several options. Alderman Niemietz explained that last spring, after the previous fatality, the Chief of Police made a presentation to the Council and shortly thereafter he, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Engineer met with representatives from IDOT to discuss the issue.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

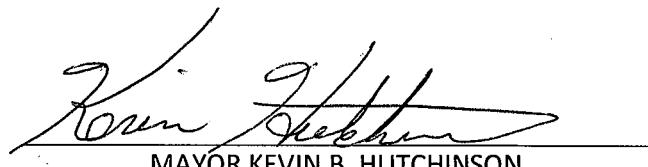
It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:50 P.M. Motion Passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON