

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013 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 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney John Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Alan Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acting Head Librn. Annette Bland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 7, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 7, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2013

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, January 7, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, January 7, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council.

2. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Part-Time Circulation Clerk and Council Action Thereon

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Columbia Library Board to hire Gail Raden as a part-time circulation clerk, contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Head Librarian and Council Action Thereon

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Columbia Library Board to (i) hire Britta Krabill as Head Librarian, contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks, and with two (2) weeks of vacation to be granted after one (1) year of service; and (ii) authorize the City Administrator to sign the necessary documentation to grant said two (2) weeks of vacation as recommended.

Moved by: Hugh Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

4. Recommendation for an additional part-time circulation clerk position

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Columbia Library Board to approve an additional part-time circulation clerk position.

Moved by:	Huch	Second:	Ebersohl	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

1. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards. In addition, Chief Edwards summarized the 2012 Columbia Police Department Report.

2. Oath of New Police Officer - Ryan Doetsch

Mayor Hutchinson administered the Oath of Office for new Columbia Police Officer Ryan Doetsch.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

2. Recommendation by Interim Chief Shannon Bound on the Hiring of Paramedics/EMTs and Council Action Thereon

EMTs - PARAMEDICS:

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound to hire Travis Aldridge, EMT-P and Colin Fuhrmann, EMT-P as Paid Volunteer Paramedics at the Columbia Emergency Medical Services Department contingent upon their successful completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks.

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

EMTs - BASICS:

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound to hire Gregory Muskopf, EMT-B, Jeffry Davlan, EMT-B, and Justin Lauf, EMT-B, as Paid Volunteer EMTs at the Columbia Emergency Medical Services Department contingent upon their successful completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks.

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Annual Report

The annual report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council.

3. Variance Request - 719 Charlotte Avenue

A request to vary from Chapter 17.20.090 of the City's Zoning Code in order to build a detached garage with a square footage of 1,920 square feet.

Alderman Agne provided background information, including the building materials for the front and sides to be used in construction, the fact that the building site is very large and is adjacent to the petitioner's property, as support for granting the variance request.

4. An Ordinance to Grant a Zoning Code Variance to Kyle T. and Amanda S. Witges for Their Single Family Residential Property Located at 719 Charlotte Avenue in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow the Construction of an Accessory Building of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty (1,920) Square Feet in Size in Excess of the Allowed Nine Hundred (900) Square Feet

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2994, an Ordinance to grant a Zoning Code Variance to Kyle T. and Amanda S. Witges for their single family residential property located at 719 Charlotte Avenue in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the construction of an accessory building of one thousand nine hundred twenty (1,920) square feet in size in excess of the allowed nine hundred (900) square feet.

Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Hutchinson	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2013

Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer presented the January 14, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. His report included updates on the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Upgrading of the Telemetry System for the Water and Sewer Stations and the latest news regarding the Safe Routes to Schools and the project's radar speed signage.

2. An Ordinance to Grant a Permanent Easement to Upchurch Oil and Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Inc. Associated with the City of Columbia's Cherry Street Reconstruction Project, Phase 2 and to Authorize the Approval, the Mayor to Execute and the City to Record the Permanent Easement Deed

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2995, an Ordinance to grant a permanent easement to Upchurch Oil and Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Inc. associated with the City of Columbia's Cherry Street Reconstruction Project, Phase 2 and to authorize the approval, the Mayor to execute and the City to record the permanent easement deed.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

3. An Ordinance to Grant and Approve Permanent and Temporary Easement Deeds for the City of Columbia's Cherry Street Reconstruction Project, Phase 2 and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute and the City to Record the Same

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2996, an Ordinance to grant and approve permanent and temporary easement deeds for the City of Columbia's Cherry Street Reconstruction Project, Phase 2 and to authorize the Mayor to execute and the City to record the same.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

G. City Attorney

1. No Report.

H. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through January 17, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred eighty-nine thousand six hundred seventy-seven dollars and eighteen cents (\$189,677.18).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

I. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. The Illinois Labor Relations Board has certified the Columbia EMS Department personnel (all EMTs and Paramedics) as a Bargaining Unit to be represented by American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31.

J. Mayor

1. Mayor's 2012 Annual Report

Mayor Hutchinson's 2012 Annual Report will be presented next month.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Reis Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 14, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Monroe County be allowed to conduct a traffic study in the 55 mph speed limit area on Bluff Road in the city limits

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Monroe County be allowed to conduct a traffic study in the 55 mph speed limit area on Bluff Road in the city limits.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - January 14, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - January 14, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - January 14, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 14, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch	Second: Ebersohl	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 to 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 28, 2013

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:00 P.M. - Definition of Kennel discussion Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M.

Personnel - 7:20 P.M. - Department Staffing discussion; Executive Session: Employee Wages & Benefits discussion

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages discussion.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for the purpose of Employee Wages/Collective Bargaining discussion.

Moved by: Roessler	Second: Huch	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:56 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the USW/DOPW collective bargaining agreement terms (pursuant to negotiations and mediation) as described in Executive Session.

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:59 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

J. Ronald Colyer
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK