

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 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 members were:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Huch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Mathews</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Holtkamp</b>	<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 Terry Bruckert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**A. Proclamation - Walk & Roll To School Day**

Mayor Hutchinson issued a proclamation declaring October 9<sup>th</sup> as "Walk & Roll to School Day" in Columbia and invited community members to participate in the day's activities.

**B. Proclamation - Community Planning Month**

Mayor Hutchinson issued a proclamation resolving that the month of October be designated as Community Planning Month in the City of Columbia in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

**A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2013**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 16, 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, September 16, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Roessler

Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 2 Abstentions

B. Executive Session Meeting of September 16, 2013

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, September 16, 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, September 16, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 2 Abstentions

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2013

Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken presented the September 23, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

B. Building & Zoning

1. Street Graphics Variance Request - Bob Brockland Buick

A lengthy discussion was held by the Aldermen, Mayor Hutchinson and Mr. Bob Brockland of Brockland Buick GMC regarding two ordinances to grant sign variances, as approved by the Street Graphics Committee, for property having the assigned address of 580 Old State Route 3 in the City of Columbia.

2. An Ordinance to Grant a Sign Variance to Bob Brockland Buick GMC having the Assigned Address of 580 Old State Route 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow a Free Standing Sign to Exceed Twenty (20) Feet in Height Allowed by the City's Sign Code in a Commercially Zoned District in the City

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3062, an Ordinance to grant a sign variance to Bob Brockland Buick GMC having the assigned address of 580 Old State Route 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow a free standing sign to exceed twenty (20) feet in height allowed by the City's Sign Code in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Nay	Reis	Nay
Agne	Nay	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Nay
Niemietz	Nay	Mathews	Nay		

Motion Failed      2 Yeas and 6 Nays

3. An Ordinance to Grant a Sign Variance to Bob Brockland Buick GMC having the Assigned Address of 580 Old State Route 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois to Allow more Square Feet of Signage than the City's Sign Code Allows for an Establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3063, an Ordinance to grant a sign variance to Bob Brockland Buick GMC having the assigned address of 580 Old State Route 3 in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow more square feet of signage than the City's Sign Code allows for an establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Nay	Reis	Nay
Agne	Nay	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp	Nay
Niemietz	Nay	Mathews	Nay		

Motion Failed      2 Yeas and 6 Nays

C. Community & Economic Development

1. Community & Economic Development Director Paul Ellis presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Ellis reported on the Economic Development in the Old and New Economies - a presentation from the APA Conference; a recap of the American Planning Association Illinois State Section Conference (Sept. 25-27); and a recap of the Chicago Deal Making Trade Show (Oct. 2-3).

2. Special Event Permit Application: Who Dat's Shrimp Boil (October 12, 2013)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Who Dat's Southern Food of 123 S. Main Street for the Who Dat's Shrimp Boil to be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight on the Cedar Street side area of Who Dat's.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

3. Special Events Discussion/Action

Aldermen, the Mayor and Chief of Police Joe Edwards discussed the proposed cost estimate by the Police Department for closing Main Street for special events. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that a maximum of \$500 to cover Police costs, in addition to the \$125 special event fee, plus other costs associated with the event, would be charged to the organizing entity.

4. Special Event Permit Application: Halloween Hi-Jinks Parade (October 26, 2013)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application with a maximum fee not to exceed \$500 for Police Services for the Halloween Hi-Jinks Parade sponsored by CROWN and the Chamber of Commerce to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 12:30 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. from the Immaculate Conception School north on Main Street to Legion Street ending at Metter Park.

Moved by: Holtkamp      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

5. Special Event - Previously approved ICS 5K Run/Walk scheduled for October 19, 2013; requesting change of date to March 29, 2014

It was the consensus of the City Council that the Immaculate Conception School (ICS) re-submit their application for the 5K Run/Walk in 2014 with this year's application fee credited to next year's event.

6. Ordinance to Declare the Henry J. Kunz Home Located at 404 E. Centerville Ave. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3064, an Ordinance to declare the Henry J. Kunz home located at 404 E. Centerville Ave. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

Moved by: Holtkamp      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

D. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

2. Approval to Purchase 2014 Tandem Axle Dump Truck

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the bid by Truck Centers, Inc. of Troy, Illinois for the 2014 Tandem Axle Dump Truck in the amount of \$106,922.00 as recommended by Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3023 Which Established the Budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3065, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3023 which established the budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its fiscal year commencing May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 9 To 0

4. An Ordinance to Employ Geosyntec Consultants of Columbia, Missouri to Perform Professional Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in Connection With the Mixing Zone Analysis Associated with the Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3066, an Ordinance to employ Geosyntec Consultants of Columbia, Missouri to perform professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Mixing Zone Analysis associated with the Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal, as amended.

Moved by: Holtkamp Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

5. An Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement to Employ Heneghan and Associates, P.C. of Columbia, Illinois to Perform Professional Services Associated with the Replacement of Water Lines along St. Paul Street and Warnock Street and a New Water Line Extension along Gardner Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3067, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Heneghan and Associates, P.C. of Columbia, Illinois to perform professional services associated with the replacement of water lines along St. Paul Street and Warnock Street and a new water line extension along Gardner Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

6. An Ordinance Entering Into an Agreement for Professional Services with Oates Associates, Inc. (Oates, Inc.) of Collinsville, Illinois to Render Construction Engineering Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in Connection with the Main Street Streetscape Project from Oak Street to Cherry Street

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3068, an Ordinance entering into an agreement for professional services with Oates Associates, Inc. (Oates, Inc.) of Collinsville, Illinois to render construction engineering services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with the Main Street Streetscape Project from Oak Street to Cherry Street.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

7. During his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on several ongoing City Projects including the Cherry Street Improvement Project, the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation, the anticipated beginning of the Valmeyer Road Failure Project, the beginning of work on the Main Street Streetscape Project and the completion of the Oil and Chip Program for the year.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

The vouchers to be paid were presented to the Council by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through October 3, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred twenty-eight thousand six hundred three dollars and seven cents (\$328,603.07).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Mathews      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through August 31, 2013 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,313,433.51. The balance is \$23,476.78 lower than the \$6,336,910.29 balance of July 31, 2013.

The statement indicated that as of August 31, 2013, the State of Illinois is two (2) months (July and August) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$139,721.68 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through August 31, 2013 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council. Mr. Hudzik gave a synopsis of the ordinances entering into a Server Refresh Agreement with REJIS Commission and a proposed Lease Agreement with Columbia National Bank for the lease of certain Information Technology Equipment and Software.

2. An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to Enter into a Server Refresh Estimate Agreement with REJIS Commission of St. Louis, Missouri, to Provide Increased Reliability and an Extended Life to the City's Information Technology Servers

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3069, an Ordinance to authorize the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Server Refresh Estimate Agreement with REJIS Commission of St. Louis, Missouri, to provide increased reliability and an extended life to the City's Information Technology Servers.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Mathews      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

3. An Ordinance Authorizing the Signing of a Lease Agreement with Columbia National Bank for the Lease of Certain Information Technology Equipment and Software for Use by the City of Columbia

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3070, an Ordinance authorizing the signing of a Lease Agreement with Columbia National Bank for the lease of certain Information Technology Equipment and Software for use by the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

4. 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, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 10-2013, 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, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Holtkamp      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      8 To 0

5. Mr. Hudzik advised the Council on the City's Electricity Aggregation Program Pricing to be effective in June 2014.

G. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert updated the Council on the status of the American Legion land purchase.

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for September 2013 to the City Council.

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: Holtkamp      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Water and Sewer

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 23, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Holtkamp      Second: Reis      Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that the city participate in the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force at the recommendation of Police Chief Edwards, that city staff be authorized to sign the necessary documentation for said participation and that any prior actions taken to allow for said participation be ratified by the City Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the city participate in the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force at the recommendation of Police Chief Edwards, that city staff be authorized to sign the necessary documentation for said participation and that any prior actions taken to allow for said participation be ratified by the City Council.

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - September 23, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Reis	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea	Yea

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Abstention

3. Executive Session Minutes - September 23, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 23, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Reis	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Holtkamp
Niemietz	Abstain	Mathews	Yea	Yea

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Abstention

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 14, 2013**

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. (1) Marketing the American Bottom Area; and (2) Executive Session: Discussion on the Possible Purchase of Real Estate for Use by the City

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - 7:10 P.M. Sesquicentennial Pavilion Discussion

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:20 P.M. STARCOM 21 Communications Equipment Installation Presentation/Discussion

Personnel - 7:30 P.M. (1) Police Department Staffing Presentation; and (2) Executive Session on EMS Negotiations

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. None.

**X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

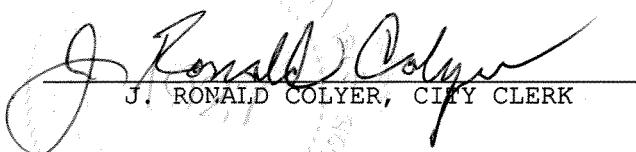
**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 7, 2013 at 8:35 P.M.

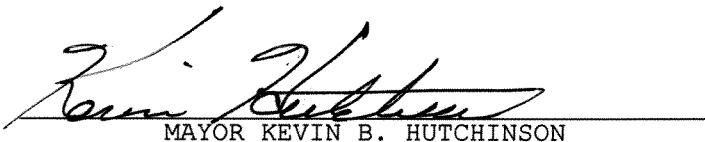
Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



Kevin B. Hutchinson  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON