

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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:

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent | Holtkamp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance observed a moment of silence for the late Edith Dean, a long time member of the City's Plan Commission.

Administrative Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk J. Ronald Colyer | <input type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Timothy Palen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Justin Osterhage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill |

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Fight Leukemia and Lymphoma - Richard Burroughs

Richard Burroughs appeared before the Council requesting the City of Columbia's support for a community day of activities (including the waiving of the yard sale fee) in his and others effort to Fight Leukemia and Lymphoma.

It was the consensus of the Council to offer its support of Mr. Burroughs' project and to waive the yard sale fee for the date of May 3, 2014.

B. K-9 Donation Checks

Joe Koppeis and Joe Menner presented checks totaling \$13,359.00 to the City to be used for expenses incurred for the Police Department and the City's new K-9 dog.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, November 4, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 4, 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, November 4, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards.

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 & EMS Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Justin Osterhage.

2. Presentation of Ordinance No. 3062 entitled "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" for reconsideration by the City Council and any action(s) required for said reconsideration

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Ordinance 3062 by the City Council entitled "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: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 1

3. City Council action(s) necessary to allow a vote on the adoption of Ordinance No. 3062 entitled "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" after its reconsideration

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3062 entitled "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: Reis Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 1

4. Presentation of Ordinance No. 3063 entitled "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" for reconsideration by the City Council and any action(s) required for said reconsideration

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Ordinance 3063 by the City Council entitled "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: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 1

5. City Council action(s) necessary to allow a vote on the adoption of Ordinance No. 3063 entitled "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" after its reconsideration

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

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 To 1

E. Plan Commission

Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken presented the Tuesday, November 12, 2013 Plan Commission Report to the City Council regarding the Plan Commission Open House.

F. Community & Economic Development

The Community and Economic Development Director, Paul Ellis, had no report.

G. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

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

His report included updates and the status of various construction projects in the City. His report included: (1) The Main Street Streetscape Project; (2) The Metter Park Pavilion bids that are due on December 4th; and (3) The Columbia Centre Private Access Road.

H. City Attorney

No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through November 14, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred sixty-eight thousand three hundred sixty-two dollars and forty-two cents (\$468,362.42).

Moved by: Huch Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

Mr. Hudzik was unable to attend the meeting due to a family matter. Mayor Hutchinson handled the business in his absence.

2. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3072, An Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Moved by: Mathews Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3023 (Second Amendment) 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. 3073, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3023 (Second Amendment) 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: Reis Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to Sign an Agreement With Motorola Solutions for Additional Equipment to be Installed on the City's Communications Tower

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 14-2013, A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to sign an agreement with Motorola Solutions for additional equipment to be installed on the City's communications tower.

Moved by: Reis Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

K. Mayor

1. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 3056 Which Provided 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, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3074, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3056 which provided 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, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

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| Moved by: | Holtkamp | Second: | Huch | Vote: | Roll Call |
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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. The Mayor appointed Elizabeth Kutterer-Sanchez to the City's Street Graphics Advisory Committee and Wesley J. Hoeffken to serve as the City's coordinator of the Emergency Services Disaster Agency. Hoeffken was sworn in by the Mayor.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Niemietz congratulated Paul Ellis on his recent award and recognition from the East-West Gateway Council for Economic Development in the Metro area.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation

1. Regular Session Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 Abstention

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared authorizing the City to enter into the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for the City's insurance coverage for CY 2014.

See page 5, Item IV-J-2, Ordinance No. 3072.

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared setting the City's real estate tax levy (for its various funds) for the current fiscal year (ending on 4/30/2014) in the aggregate amount of \$2,035,000.00.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that an ordinance be prepared setting the City's real estate tax levy (for its various funds) for the current fiscal year (ending on 4/30/2014) in the aggregate amount of \$2,035,000.00.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to make a counter-offer for the purchase of the real property (for use by the city) in the amount as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that city staff be authorized to make a counter-offer for the purchase of the real property (for use by the city) in the amount as discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Regular Session Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Executive Session Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 Abstention

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Fire Department - 7:00 P.M. Dispatching Services Agreement Review/Discussion

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:10 P.M. Audit Presentation by Schorb & Schmersahl

Committee of the Whole - 7:20 P.M. (1) Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation - Ryan Weber; (2) Property Development Presentation - Bill Hawn; (3) Admiral Parkway Redevelopment Area Presentation/Discussion; (4) Executive Session: (i) Discussion on the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for use by the City; (ii) Discussion on Compensation of Specific Employees

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Compensation.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. to discuss Personnel Compensation.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Holtkamp Vote: Roll Call

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| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:05 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Huch, Mathews, Reis, Holtkamp 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

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

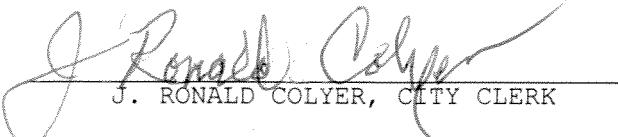
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 18, 2013 at 8:06 P.M.

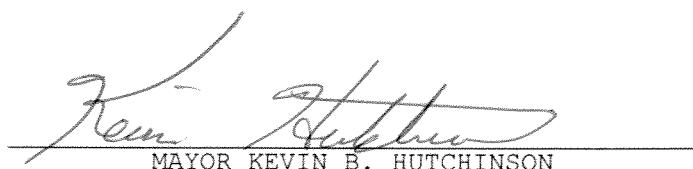
Moved by: Agne Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON