

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:03 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Alderman Agne.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards, City Engineer Ron Williams, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: City Emergency Services Disaster Agency Coordinator Wes Hoeffken (left at 7:15 p.m.).

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing (1) Monroe County EMS/EMA Memorandum of Understanding; (2) 2008 G.O. Capital Projects and Refunding Bonds callable in December 2014; and (3) any other items to be considered.

**II. MONROE COUNTY EMS/EMA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
DISCUSSION**

Chairman Ebersohl opened the meeting and called upon City Administrator Al Hudzik to address the Committee Members on this issue. Hudzik indicated the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), which had previously been distributed to the Committee Members, pertained to emergency management services to be coordinated by the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency ("Monroe County EMA") and he indicated that Wes Hoeffken, the city's Emergency Services Disaster Agency Coordinator, would be reviewing the MOU. Hoeffken indicated the Monroe County EMA has asked all local entities within the county to approve the MOU, thereby authorizing the Monroe County EMA to coordinate emergency management operations in the event of a declared disaster in the county. He then (i) touched upon the command structure to be utilized by Monroe County EMA, which is in accordance with the Incident Command System of the National Incident Management System, including the use of a Unified Command for multi-jurisdictional disasters; (ii) indicated that priorities to be addressed during an emergency/disaster would be (in order of importance): (1) life safety issues; (2) incident

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stabilization; and (3) property preservation; and (iii) stated that the MOU contained mutual assistance language pertaining to the provision and obtaining of resources to be used to address any disasters in the county. It was the consensus of the Committee Members that city staff present the documentation necessary for approval of the MOU (with the Monroe County EMA) at the next city council meeting for the council's consideration.

III. 2008 G.O. CAPITAL PROJECTS & REFUNDING BONDS CALLABLE IN DECEMBER 2014 DISCUSSION

City Administrator Hudzik reviewed documentation previously distributed to the Committee Members consisting of (a) a "Receipt for Payment of Purchase Price" of the \$6,000,000 issue of General Obligation Capital Projects and Refunding Bonds (Public Utility Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), dated May 1, 2008; and (b) a copy of one of the bonds. He stated that (to date) \$1,225,000 of the bonds had matured (and been paid), and reviewed the call provision near the top of Page 2 of the bond copy, which stated that the bonds due in 2015, and thereafter, are callable at par on or after December 1, 2014. Since the bond issue will be callable later this year, he recommended that city staff be authorized to explore various options pertaining to the bonds in an effort to (i) reduce the interest expense/semi-monthly payments to the city; and/or (ii) possibly increase the issue beyond the current principal amount due and/or increase the length of the issue. Hudzik indicated that bond attorney Kurt Froehlich (with the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois) provided services to the city at a reasonable cost and with expertise when the 2011 G.O. Bond issue was approved; he also stated City Attorney Terry Bruckert recommended Mr. Froehlich due to his experience and expertise in bond matters – it was Hudzik's recommendation that Mr. Froehlich be used to explore various options pertaining to the city's 2008 G.O. Capital Projects & Refunding Bonds (callable in December 2014) so that those options could be presented to the Committee Members at a future meeting.

MOTION:

It was moved Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp to recommend to the City Council that Kurt P. Froehlich, attorney with the firm of Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley in Champaign, Illinois, be employed to allow city staff to explore various options pertaining to the city's 2008 G.O. Capital Projects & Refunding Bonds that are callable in December 2014. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea. **MOTION**

CARRIED.

IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

The Mayor informed the Committee Members that the city's annual employee appreciation gathering, wherein city officials, employees and the individuals who serve on the city's various boards, committees and commissions are invited, will be held again this year in the month of February.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:24 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.



GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Huch called the Personnel Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:25 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandra Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Huch entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to (i) receive an update on and discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (ii) discuss compensation of specific employees.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to (i) receive an update on and discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (ii) discuss compensation of specific employees. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Roessler to return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting at 8:12 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler. Other Council Members present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp.

Chairman Huch asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recommend to the City Council that the City Administrator's recommendation be followed in addressing the employee compensation issues as discussed in Executive Session. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl to adjourn the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014 at 8:13 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Huch and Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.



JEFF HUCH, Chairman
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:



SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant