

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 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 type="checkbox"/> Present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Roessler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent | Holtkamp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

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| <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"/> Dir. of Community & Economic Dev. 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 Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound |

II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. None.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2014

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2014

Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller presented the February 24, 2014 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis presented the Community & Economic Development Department Report. His report included the Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission Minutes of January 27, 2014 and information on "Marketing Columbia: Welcome, Entrepreneurs!" Mr. Ellis also provided the Council with information and a visual of proposed highway signage for the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trails.
2. Special Event Request - 5K Run (Immaculate Conception School)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the 5K Run (Immaculate Conception School) to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the new Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 411 Palmer Road.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Special Event Request - Mutt & Me 5K (Helping Strays)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Mutt & Me 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk (Helping Strays) to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Centennial Pavilion #1 in Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

4. Special Event Request - Music at Metter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Music at Metter Summer Concert Series (City of Columbia) to be held on June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20 and August 3, 2014 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at A. C. Metter Memorial Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

5. Special Event Request - Movies at Metter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Movies at Metter (City of Columbia) to be held on September 12 and October 10, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at A. C. Metter Memorial Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

6. Special Event Request - FestiFall

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for FestiFall (City of Columbia) to be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (Event time 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.) at A. C. Metter Memorial Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

7. Special Event Request - Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow (City of Columbia) to be held on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the City Hall Municipal Building Fountain Park.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

8. Special Event Request - Bright Night Christmas Parade

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Bright Night Christmas Parade (City of Columbia) to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. on Main Street from Temple Street to Cherry Street.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

9. Ordinance to Declare the Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 112 W. Liberty St. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance NO. 3087, an Ordinance to declare the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 112 W. Liberty St. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

10. Ordinance to Declare the Old St. Paul's Lutheran School at 114 W. Liberty St. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3088, an Ordinance to declare the old St. Paul's Lutheran School at 114 W. Liberty St. in the City of Columbia, Illinois to be a City of Columbia, Illinois Historic Site Landmark.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

11. Approval to Pursue Application of Historic Preservation (HP) District Zoning to Several Properties

Director Ellis sought and was granted approval by the Council to start several properties through the process of being designated "HP" for the Historic Preservation Overlay Zoning District.

The Properties include:

1. James Piggot Land Claim/Schneider Farmstead
2. Miller-Fiege Home
3. Shoemaker School
4. Warderman Cemetery

C. City Engineer

1. Rescheduling of public hearing for the proposed vacation of a portion of Thomas Street between Charlotte Street and Carl Street

The Public Hearing for the proposed vacation of a portion of Thomas Street between Charlotte Street and Carl Street has been re-scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:45 P.M.

D. City Attorney

No Report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 27, 2014; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred ninety-six thousand six hundred forty-one dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$196,641.97).

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

None.

G. 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. 3089, 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. (Gene Bergmann to Columbia Plan Commission replacing Edith Dean and Krista Schoellhorn to the Columbia Library Board replacing Susan Walla.)

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

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: | Agne | Second: | Mathews | Vote: | Roll Call |
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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Yea | Reis | Absent |
| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| Niemietz | Yea | Mathews | Yea | | |

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli PC, be employed as labor counsel to represent the city pertaining to the employee issue discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Mark W. Weisman, attorney with the firm of Polsinelli PC, be employed as labor counsel to represent the city pertaining to the employee issue discussed in Executive Session.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - February 24, 2014

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 24, 2014 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, February 24, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Executive Session Minutes - February 24, 2014

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 24, 2014 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, February 24, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

Committee of the Whole 7:00 P.M. (i) Presentation on the Monroe County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan - Wes Hoeffken; (ii) Discussion on repairs to Dupo Water Pumps (iii) Financial Information Presentation and FY 2014-2015 Budget Discussion; (iv) Executive Session: Update/discussion on collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages and Review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

Refuse Collection and Recycling 7:10 P.M. Leaf & Limb Pick-Up RFP Bids review/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 to discuss Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages and review and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:22 P.M. to discuss Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages and review and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

| Moved by: | Niemietz | Second: | Mathews | Vote: | Roll Call |
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| Ebersohl | Yea | Roessler | Yea | Reis | Absent |
| Agne | Yea | Huch | Yea | Holtkamp | Yea |
| 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 8:37 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, 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.

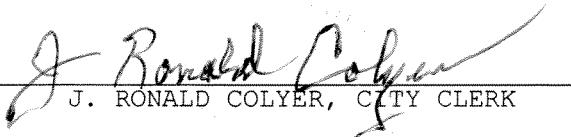
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2014 at 8:38 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0


J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON