

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 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 vote, the following were:

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

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Wes Hoeffken        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police and 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 and 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 Commissioner Gene Bergmann                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill             | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy City Clerk Donna Mehaffey                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound                |

**II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments**

A. Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson read a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through 23, 2014 as Constitution Week.

**III. Read and Approve Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held **Monday, August 18, 2014** were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 18, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

#### IV. Report of Departments and Officers

##### A. EMS Department

1. Hiring of a Temporary Full-Time Paramedic.

##### Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the recommendation of the EMS Department and employ Michael Evans as a Temporary Full-Time Paramedic.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

##### B. Plan Commission

1. The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 25, 2014 were presented by Commissioner Gene Bergmann.

##### C. Community & Economic Development

1. Application to Illinois Main Street Program

Mr. Ellis provided an update to the Council regarding the Illinois Main Street Program.

2. Chicago Deal Making Trade Show

Mr. Ellis informed the Council he will be attending the Chicago Deal Making Trade Show on October 7 - 8, 2014 to continue marketing Columbia.

3. Special Event Request - Who Dat's Shrimp Boil

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Who Dat's Shrimp Boil scheduled to be held September 13, 2014.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 3119 - Annexation Agreement with Columbia Land Management, LLC

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman, Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3119, an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Columbia Land Management, LLC for the annexation and zoning of a tract of real estate comprising 21.34 acres, more or less, having an assigned address of 247 W. Sandbank Road, which property is bounded by W. Sandbank Road, Illinois Route 3, and Old Bluff Road.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

5. Ordinance No. 3120 - Annexation Agreement with Joseph G. and Patricia A. Koppeis

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3120, an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Joseph G. Koppeis and Patricia A. Koppeis for the annexation and zoning of a tract of real estate comprising 0.50 acres, more or less, having an assigned address of 11832 Bluff Road, which property is located on Old Bluff Road between W. Sandbank Road and DD Road.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

6. Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop

Mr. Ellis reminded the Council about the Landmarks Illinois Historic Tax Credit Workshop that will be held September 10, 2014.

D. City Engineer

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the City Engineer was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval Award of MFT Bids

Mr. Williams informed the Council that IDOT had determined the calculation for the aggregate bids did not include the cost for transport mileage and after recalculating the costs, the award for CA6, CA6 Pugmill, and CA2 should have been awarded to Columbia Quarry Company, but Fallings Springs Quarry should still be awarded the bid for Rip Rap PR3 and Rip Rap PR4.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept the Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval of Award of MFT Bids for Rip Rap PR3, Rip Rap PR4, Coarse Aggregate CA6, Coarse Aggregate CA6 (Pugmill), and Coarse Aggregate CA2, and to authorize the City Clerk to sign the acceptance for each material item.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3121 - Lot Consolidation and Easement Vacation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3121, an ordinance for approval of the Lot Consolidation and Easement Vacation Plat of lots 5 and 6 of Wedgewood Square in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

E. City Attorney

1. Term of City Clerk

Mr. Bruckert informed the Council that the County Clerk, Dennis Knobloch, has opined that the appointment of Wes Hoeffken to fill the unexpired term of the office of City Clerk, should be through April 2017 and that a special election is not required in April 2015 for that office. Mr. Bruckert then explained there is some conflict in the state statutes, but there is a direct reference that an appointment to fill an unexpired term of office for the Treasurer or City Clerk are for the entire remaining term. Mr. Bruckert then stated he concurs with the County Clerk and the appointment of Mr. Hoeffken as City Clerk is for the remaining term.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 28, 2014 in the amount of two hundred ninety-five thousand, two hundred seventy-nine dollars and twelve cents (\$295,279.12).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Statement of Funds through July 31, 2014 as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

G. City Administrator

1. Monthly Report

Mr. Hudzik stated he had nothing to report but would entertain any questions from the Council. There were no questions asked.

H. Mayor

1. Monthly Report

Mayor Hutchinson explained that lobbying by the Illinois Municipal League has resulted in the passing of legislation that creates the Local Government Distributive Fund that will require all funds due Illinois municipalities to be placed into the fund that cannot be accessed by the State and must be distributed to the municipalities within 60 days of being placed into the fund.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall.

Voice vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

V. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

There was no new business brought before the Council.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Executive Session Minutes - July 28, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, July 28, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, July 28, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

2. Executive Session Minutes - August 11, 2014.

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 11, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 11, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

3. Columbia Khoury League and Columbia Athletic Association – Columbia American Legion Field Lighting Project

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and grant permission to the Columbia Khoury League and the Columbia Athletic Association to proceed with Phase 1 of the Columbia American Legion Field Lighting Project as presented to the Committee of the Whole on August 11, 2014, provided the proper insurance coverage is provided to the City by all applicable parties.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

#### 4. Termination of Employment

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize the Chief of Police to terminate the employment of Police Department Records Clerk Nichole Koch, effective August 26, 2014, as discussed in the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, August 25, 2014, and to ratify any Council actions taken prior to the passing of this motion.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

#### 5. Regular Session Minutes - August 25, 2014.

The Regular Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 25, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, August 25, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

## VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, September 8, 2014

7:00 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

- M & B Ice Company Portable Ice/Water Dispensing Building presentation and discussion.
- Monroe County Coalition for Drug Free Communities (presentation on medical/recreational marijuana legalization).
- CLM Land Management Property Real Estate Tax Reimbursement/Abatement presentation and discussion.
- Crown Linen Service Water Usage/Payment discussion.
- Bond Refunding update and discussion.
- Executive Session - Update on EMS negotiations and pending litigation update and discussion.
- Columbia Centre private access road repairs/maintenance update and discussion.
- Diehl Plaza private roadway.
- Drainage area behind the bowling alley.

## IX. Executive Session

There was no call for Executive Session.

## X. Actions Resulting from Executive Session

Since there was no Executive Session, there was no action to be taken.

## XI. Adjournment

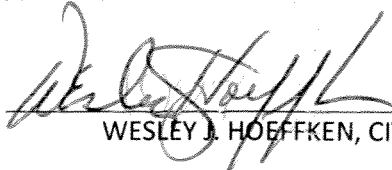
### Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:37 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 6 to 0.

  
WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON