

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 vote, the following were:

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

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

Mayor Hutchinson requested a moment of silence in memory of Telecommunicator Kevin Robinson and Carol Schneider, wife of former Mayor Lester Schneider.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wesley Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	Dir. Of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis
Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	Head Librarian Britta Krabill

Mayor Hutchinson announced that agenda item IV-J-2 would be referred to Committee and would be removed from the evening's agenda.

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

A. National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month Proclamation

Mayor Hutchinson read the proclamation proclaiming December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month for the City of Columbia.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 1, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 1, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 1, 2014 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 1, 2014 as on file at City Hall.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department

The monthly reports of the Police Department and Communications Department were presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

1. Resolution No.13-2014 - Authorize Participation in Federal Surplus Property Program

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2014, a resolution authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

C. Emergency Medical Services

The monthly report of the Emergency Medical Services was presented by Chief of Police Joe Edwards.

D. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 8, 2014 were presented.

E. Building Department

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

1. Ordinance No. 3149 - Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC Annexation Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3149, an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC for the annexation and zoning of a tract of real estate comprising 8.49 acres, more or less, having an assigned address of 11829 Bluff Road, which property is adjacent to Old Bluff Road and DD Road.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Ordinance No. 3150 - Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC Annexation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3150, an ordinance annexing a tract of real estate belonging to Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC having an assigned address of 11829 Bluff Road, and comprising 8.49 acres, more or less, which property is adjacent to Old Bluff Road and DD Road in Monroe County, Illinois into the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 3151 - Allow Natural Gas and Measuring Facility in an I-1 Zoned District

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3151, an ordinance to allow a Natural Gas Distribution and Measuring Facility with associated office uses encompassing at least fifteen (15) acres as a permitted use in an I-1 (Light Industrial Zoned District) in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 3152 - Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC Property Zoning

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Mathews, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3152, an ordinance zoning land recently annexed into the City of Columbia, Illinois and land already residing in the City of Columbia, Illinois belonging to Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC, having an assigned address of 11829 Bluff Road, which property is bounded by W. Sandbank Road, Bluff Road, DD Road, and Old Bluff Road in the City of Columbia, Illinois, comprising 16.25 acres, more or less.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

5. Building Material Request - S & S Land Trust/Gary Stumpf

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board and approve the use of vertical steel on the side walls of a new shed to be constructed at 2401 Ramsey Road, Columbia, Illinois, which is located in an I-1 (Light Industrial Zoned District) as requested by S & S Land Trust/Gary Stumpf.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

F. Community & Economic Development

The monthly report of the Community & Economic Development Department was presented by Paul Ellis.

1. Approval of Part-Time Intern

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve Kelly Mattingly, a Columbia resident and student from Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), as an unpaid intern during the spring semester, January 2015 through May 2015, to assist the Building and Zoning Department and the Community and Economic Development Department, contingent upon satisfying the successful completion of a physical and drug test as well as state and federal background checks.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

G. Public Works

The monthly report of the City Engineer was presented by Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens.

1. HD Supply Waterworks for Computer-Aided Water Meter Reading System

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to accept the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to purchase a refurbished Vehicle Gateway Base-station (VCB) from H.D. Supply Waterworks, LTD, in the amount of eleven thousand, three hundred dollars (\$11,300.00).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Sensus Spectrum Lease Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Sensus Spectrum, LLC and Sensus USA Inc. that will allow the City of Columbia to utilize the FCC License held by Sensus Spectrum, LLC and Sensus USA Inc. for the sole purpose of water meter reading while operating the FlexNet Radio System.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

H. City Attorney

1. Development Agreement for Columbia Lakes Area

Mr. Bruckert informed the Council he will be presenting a draft copy of a Development Agreement for the entire 41 acres of the Columbia Lakes area that Mr. Joe Koppeis is considering for development. Mr. Bruckert stated the plan will be reviewed in Committee on January 12, 2015 and the Council should review the entire parcel and lock in on the development plan now.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 11, 2014 in the amount of three hundred ninety-seven thousand, four hundred eighty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$397,485.70).

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

J. Administrative Department

The monthly report of the City Administrator was presented by City Administrator James Morani.

1. Placement Agent Proposal

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to accept the recommendation of City Staff and accept the proposal from Robert W. Baird & Co. to serve as the placement agent for the upcoming bond issue at a fee of \$0.99/\$1,000 of the par amount, which amounts to approximately \$5,000.00.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement with Ameren Illinois

This item was referred back to Committee.

3. Ordinance No. 3153 - Water and Sewer Delayed Payment Charges

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3153, an ordinance modifying the Water and Sewer Delayed Payment Charge for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 3154 - Abate Taxes of the City of Columbia

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3154, an ordinance abating certain taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

5. Ordinance No. 3155 - Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3155, an ordinance levying the taxes for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

K. Mayor

1. Ordinance No. 3156 - Appoint Interim Director of Public Works

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3156, an ordinance appointing an Interim Director of Public Works and establishing the rate of compensation for the Interim Director of Public Works for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

2. Ordinance No. 3157 - Appoint Interim Zoning Administrator

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3157, an ordinance appointing an Interim Zoning Administrator and establishing the rate of compensation for the Interim Zoning Administrator for the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, 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	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion Passed 8 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

There were no Standing Committee reports.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

There were no Committee Meetings scheduled.

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any items to be discussed in Executive Session. There were none.

X. Adjournment

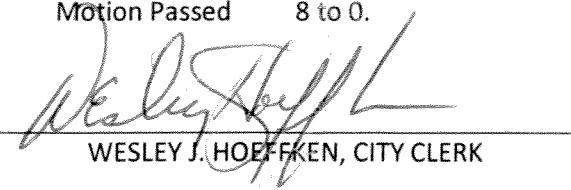
Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:36 P.M.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Motion Passed 8 to 0.


WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK


MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON