

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 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 were:

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:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Plan Commissioner Bill Seibel
Head Librarian Britta Krabill	

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

There were no delegations present.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 5, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 5, 2015 as on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, December 9, 2014, was presented by Head Librarian Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department

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

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, January 12, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Seibel.

E. Building Department

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented by Building Inspector Justin Osterhage. The annual report for 2014 was also presented to the Council.

1. Zoning Code Variance to Steve and Brandy Menning

Mr. Osterhage presented the variance request to the Council. Mrs. Brandy Menning addressed the Council and stated the existing deck already violates the City's zoning code. Mr. Osterhage explained there were oversights prior to his employment and building permit plans frequently did not include the decks on them, but were still being built. Mr. Osterhage stated the neighbor two (2) lots down from this property has a deck that encroaches 12' into the easement. It was agreed to forward this issue to Committee for further review and discussion.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to refer the Zoning Code Variance request for Steve and Brandy Menning for their single family residential property located at 525 Micah's Way in the City of Columbia, Illinois, to reduce the rear yard setback from the required thirty (30) feet to eleven feet six inches (11.5 feet) to committee for further review and discussion. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

F. Community & Economic Development

The Columbia Tourism Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2014, the Monroe County Economic Development Council meeting minutes of November 5, 2014, and the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail Coalition meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 were presented by Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis.

G. Public Works

The monthly report of the Public Works Department was presented by Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens.

1. Millenia Professional Services Proposal

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement for engineering services for the replacement of the Valmeyer Road Culvert project with Millennia Professional Services of Illinois, Ltd. as described in the engineering and surveying proposal dated January 15, 2015. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

2. Award Contract for Sewer Line Rehabilitation

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Program with Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC in the amount of \$85,652.80. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

H. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

I. 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 January 15, 2015 in the amount of one hundred ninety-three thousand, four hundred eighty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$193,488.88). Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

2. Ordinance 3158 - Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Ordinance 3158, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Public Utility Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015, of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, providing the details of such bonds and for applicable alternate revenue sources and levies of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, and related matters. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

J. Administrative Department

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

1. Proposal for Small Project Engineering Services - Oates Associates

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the proposal for small project engineering services as submitted by Oates Associates. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

2. Proposal for Small Project Engineering Services - Horner & Shifrin

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the proposal for small project engineering services as submitted by Horner & Shifrin. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

3. Proposal for Small Project Engineering Services - Heneghan & Associates, P.C.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the proposal for small project engineering services as submitted by Heneghan & Associates, P.C. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

4. Resolution 15-2014 - Ameren Illinois Settlement Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution 15-2014, a resolution approving the release and settlement agreement with Ameren Illinois. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

5. Ordinance 3159 - Imposition of a Municipal Retailers' and a Municipal Service Occupation Taxes

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance 3159, an ordinance submitting the question of the imposition of a Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Service Occupation Tax. Motion Passed 5 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Nay

6. Ordinance 3160 - Revitalization/Development Agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance 3160, an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a revitalization/development agreement for the development of 41 acres, more or less, of real estate owned by Admiral Parkway, Inc. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

7. FOP Mediation Agreement - Full-Time Sworn Police Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to authorize the Mayor to sign the FOP mediation agreement for collective bargaining negotiations for all full-time sworn police officers. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

8. FOP Mediation Agreement - Full-Time Telecommunicators

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to authorize the Mayor to sign the FOP mediation agreement for collective bargaining negotiations for all full-time telecommunicators. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

K. Mayor

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented by Mayor Hutchinson.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea

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

Monday, January 26, 2015

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

IX. Executive Session

There was no business that needed to be addressed in Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Motion:

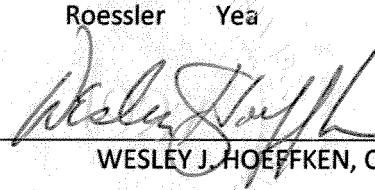
It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:58 P.M. Motion Passed 6 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

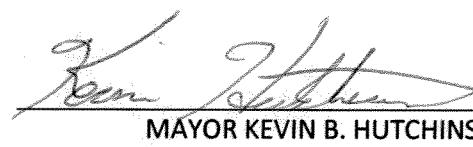
Ebersohl Yea
Roessler Yea

Agne Yea
Reis Yea

Niemietz Yea
Holtkamp Yea



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON