

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Executive Session of the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 8:00 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input 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.

Administrative Staff Present:

<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 & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald Williams
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

II. STATED PURPOSE

Mayor Hutchinson stated the Executive Session was called to discuss (i) probable litigation; (ii) pending litigation; and (iii) employment of a specific employee.

1. City Administrator Al Hudzik began the Executive Session by stating the basis for meeting in Executive Session for probable litigation, by noting that: The Council Members deem that litigation is probable due to the failure of Metro East Title Corporation, an authorized agent of WFG National Title Insurance Company, to fully settle (i.e., failure to transmit the complete sales proceeds) on the closing of the purchase of the Columbia American Legion Memorial Park property by the city, which closing occurred on August 7, 2013 (almost six (6) weeks ago).

City Attorney Terry Bruckert appraised the Council on the status of the probable litigation. Mr. Bruckert indicated that Counsel for the title company was, at the time, cooperating in discussions regarding the matter.

2. Mr. Bruckert discussed with the Council a mandatory settlement meeting that he and the Mayor recently attended. The meeting resulted in a tentative settlement agreement that has been reached with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. regarding pending litigation.

Mayor Hutchinson joined the discussion and aldermen had the opportunity to participate with questions and opinions.

3. City Engineer Ron Williams recommended that Justin Osterhage be hired as the City's Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Official.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Council in Executive Session, Mayor Hutchinson asked for a motion to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 8:11 P.M.


MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:11 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0


J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK


MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON