

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois
Held Monday, December 21, 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 vote, the following were:

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

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

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator Jimmy Morani
City Attorney J. D. Brandmeyer	Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards
Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	City Engineer Chris Smith
Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	Head Librarian Britta Krabill
Dir. of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	

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, December 7, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 7, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 7, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, December 7, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

IV. Report of Departments and Officers

A. Library

The monthly report of the Library, including the Library Board minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2015, was presented by Ms. Britta Krabill.

B. Police and Communications

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

1. Ordinance No. 3223 - Amend Title 18 of Municipal Code

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3223, an ordinance amending Title 18 of the City of Columbia, Illinois Municipal Code to enact the fees and charges to be assessed for Criminal History Inquiry Fingerprinting in the City until said Title 18 of the City's Municipal Code is again amended by ordinance of the City enacted to change said fees and charges. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

C. Emergency Medical Services

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

D. Plan Commission

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 14, 2015 were presented.

E. Building and Zoning

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

Alderman Agne state he would be voting no for any ordinance granting a variance over the allowable square footage.

1. Ordinance No. 3224 - Zoning Code Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3224, an ordinance granting Zoning Code variances to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to exceed the four thousand (4,000) square foot maximum floor area established in a C-1 Neighborhood Business District and to reduce the required parking spaces established for office use. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3225 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3225, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to exceed the total allotment of sign area permitted on one street front in a Commercial Zoned District in the City, permitting one hundred fifty (150) square feet of signage be displayed along Admiral Parkway street front. Motion Passed 7 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Ordinance No. 3226 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3226, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to exceed the total allotment of sign area permitted on one street front in a Commercial Zoned District in the City, permitting one hundred fifty (150) square feet of signage be displayed along North Main street front. Motion Passed 7 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Ordinance No. 3227 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3227, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow more signs to be displayed than the City's Sign Code allows for an establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City allowing two (2) exterior signs consisting of one (1) free standing sign and one (1) wall mounted sign along Admiral Parkway street front. Motion Passed 7 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

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

5. Ordinance No. 3228 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Martens, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3228, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow more signs to be displayed than the City's Sign Code allows for an establishment in a Commercially Zoned District in the City allowing two (2) exterior signs consisting of one (1) free standing sign and one (1) wall mounted sign along North Main street front. Motion Passed 7 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

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

6. Ordinance No. 3229 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Martens, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3229, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the construction of a monument sign to be displayed within one hundred (100) feet of another sign in a Commercially Zoned District in the City allowing the construction of a monument sign to be located within one hundred (100) feet of the proposed State Bank of Waterloo's wall sign along North Main Street. Motion Passed 7 to 1.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Nay	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea

Holtkamp Yea

Martens Yea

7. **Ordinance No. 3230 - Sign Variance for State Bank of Waterloo**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3230, an ordinance granting a Sign Variance to State Bank of Waterloo, Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust and Leola M. Schueler Revocable Living Trust for a parcel with the Property Identification Number of 04-16-133-002-000 located in the City of Columbia, Illinois to allow the construction of a free standing sign to be displayed within one hundred (100) feet of another sign in a Commercially Zoned District in the City allowing the construction of a free standing sign along Admiral Parkway's street front be located within one hundred (100) feet of the existing Adams & Huetsch monument sign and State Bank of Waterloo's proposed wall sign. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

F. Community & Economic Development

The monthly report of Community and Economic Development was presented by Mr. Paul Ellis.

1. **Special Event Permit - Monroe County Bicentennial Bell Ringing**

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Roessler, to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Monroe County Bicentennial Bell Ringing Ceremony scheduled to be held January 1, 2016 as submitted and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

G. Public Works

The monthly report of the Public Works Department was presented by Mr. Chris Smith.

Mr. Smith informed the City Council that the developer for the Wernings Phase IV subdivision has agreed to construct the improvements as previously approved by the City. Alderman Niemietz suggested the City Engineer review the Explore Columbia plan before finalizing the details.

H. 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 [Click here to enter a date.](#) in the amount of one hundred ninety-five thousand, six hundred forty-nine dollars and seventeen cents (\$195,649.17). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

I. City Attorney

There was no report from the City Attorney.

J. Administrative Department

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

1. Ordinance No. 3231 - Abate Certain Taxes

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3231, an ordinance abating certain taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

2. Ordinance No. 3232 - Levy Taxes

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3232, an ordinance levying taxes for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

3. Amendment to the Services Agreement with Good Energy

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the Amendment to the Services Agreement by and between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Good Energy, L.P., with offices located at 232 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, effective December 21, 2015. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

4. Resolution No. 13-2015 - Service Agreement for Electricity

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to pass and approve Resolution No. 13-2015, a resolution authorizing the execution of a Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

K. Mayor

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

1. Ordinance No. 3233 - Appointment of a Replacement Member for Electrical Commission

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3233, an ordinance providing for the appointment of a replacement member to the Electrical Commission for the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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

Approve Reports of Departments and Officers

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

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

V. Old Business

A. Alderman Ebersohl inquired about the status of identifying proposed annexation parcels. Mr. Morani explained he and the City Engineer are still researching this to ensure all parcels are annexed properly.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Report of Standing Committees.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

There were no call for Committee meetings.

IX. Executive Session

There was nothing brought before the Council that required discussion in Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Motion:

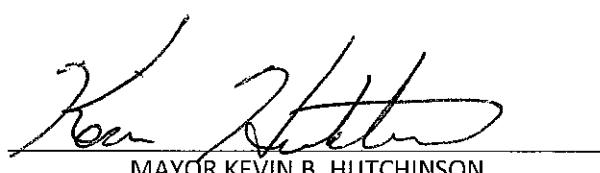
It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:25 P.M.. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

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



WESLEY J. HOFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON