

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 IN THE  
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Niemietz called the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:04 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Martens.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch, Reis and Holtkamp.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Engineer Chris Smith, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: Mr. Jason Glover, Mr. Doug Gum and Ms. Tara Luhr of the St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club.

Chairman Niemietz stated the meeting was called to discuss: 1) Presentation from St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club.

**II. PRESENTATION FROM ST. LOUIS STEAMERS SOCCER CLUB**

Chairman Niemietz turned the meeting over to Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis. Mr. Ellis distributed to the committee a St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club Model handout plus business cards for Executive Director Jason Glover, Director of Youth Development Doug Gum and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Luhr. (VP Club Development Jim Thebeau was not present at the meeting due to a prior commitment.) Mr. Glover noted that they purchased the St. Louis Steamers logo which was from the old St. Louis major indoor soccer team. Mr. Ellis introduced Mr. Glover and Mr. Ellis informed the committee that the club has already met with the Play Commission and will introduce their program and plans to the committee. Mr. Glover reviewed with the committee the handout and would like to partner with the City of Columbia. Mr. Glover said their club only takes a handful of players at a time and use a conservative approach. They are a not for profit organization based in Monroe County and Sunset Hills, Missouri. They already have a partnership with Sunset Hills. Mr. Glover pointed out

that they teach a code of conduct for the parents on the sidelines. Mr. Glover explained they would like to have one (1) turf field and one (1) grass field with lights located behind the Hampton Inn. The area would be three (3) acres with a playground, concession area and walking path around complex for parents to exercise during training. Mr. Glover also added that the Columbia and Waterloo High School all purpose fields could also be used for tournaments in addition to their proposed field. Mr. Glover added that the highlights of adding a turf field would be 1) Additional city tax revenue generated by tournaments – restaurant sales, hotel sales, convenience store sales during the tournament weekend; 2) Multiple tournament weekend opportunities because of field turf; 3) Showcase downtown development of restaurants; 4) Revenue generated from concession stand sales each week plus tournament sales; and 5) Increased foot traffic to local shopping establishments.

Alderman Martens questioned what their time frame would be for completion and Mr. Glover said late winter/spring 2017 and ready for play in fall 2017.

Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis hopes to use the Columbia Khouri League as a model for the St. Louis Steamers Soccer Club. Mr. Ellis added that they would have to have public fields and that the Columbia Master Plan needs to be amended. Alderman Roessler also commented that there will be infrastructure costs involved. Mr. Ellis also said grading has to be finished in the area and Alderman Niemietz asked about any estimated costs. Mr. Glover said the entire project was estimated to cost \$850,000.00. Mr. Glover added the fields can be used for baseball and other sports, not just for soccer. Mayor Hutchinson asked if they had any financing in place and Mr. Glover responded that they raise money three (3) times per year; they reinvest and pay down the debt for the facility. Alderman Niemietz stated that the City has hydrology studies for the area, that the 33 acres were donated to the city, have to check plans and that it may not be possible to complete. Mr. Ellis said they will have to put a proposal together and come back to the committee. Mr. Glover added that the Blue Jay Football Field is to be located in the same area and that they could possibly partner with them. City Administrator James Morani asked about the durability of the turf with all of the different sports. Mr. Glover said that different sports are tougher than others on certain areas of the field – football is the center of the field and soccer is down the sides and in front of the goalie area. Mr. Glover said the turf should last ten (10) years. It was noted that the Columbia High School turf was installed in the summer of 2012.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Martens and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:32 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Niemietz and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mary Ellen Niemietz

MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Chairman  
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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Committee Member

James H. Agne

Committee Member

K. Morten

Committee Member

Minutes taken by:

Donna Mehafey

DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 14, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:32 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Committee Members - Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens. Mayor Hutchinson was also present.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Engineer Chris Smith, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Building Inspector Justin Osterhage and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: Mr. Paul Friedich of H.J. Friedich and Sons Construction, Mr. Sean Flower of Flower & Fendler, Mrs. Wendy Norman representing the Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust, and Mr. Kevin Day, President of the State Bank of Waterloo.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing: (1) Approval of minutes from the November 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole committee meeting; (2) Village of Wernings Phase IV; (3) State Bank of Waterloo Project; (4) Water Meters and Service Connections for Multiple Unit Housing; (5) FY 2015-2016 Tax Levy; (6) Electric Aggregation Program; (7) Other items to be considered; (8) Citizen Comments; and (9) Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 23, 2015 COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The minutes of the November 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole committee meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Reis, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole committee meeting as amended. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**III. VILLAGE OF WERNINGS PHASE IV**

City Engineer Chris Smith reviewed with the committee his memorandum with two (2) maps of the area (site plan and grading/drainage plan) regarding the Village of Wernings Phase IV which is located at Quarry and Rueck Roads. Mr. Smith indicated the developer of the subdivision has requested some changes possibly be made to the development plans. The developer would like to see if the grading, sidewalks, and shoulders proposed along Quarry Road need to be completed or can the costs for the work be escrowed to the City for future use. Mr. Smith recommends completing the work per the improvement plans. Mr. Smith also outlined several concerns if the improvements are not completed per the previously submitted plans.

Mr. Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Paul Friedrich representing the developer of Village of Wernings Phase IV, Flower and Fendler. Mr. Friedrich distributed a five (5) page handout of the proposed subdivision showing maps and overhead views. Mr. Friedrich explained his plan for the costs of the grading, sidewalks and shoulders to be escrowed to the City for future use. He also explained why he does not want to remove the trees along Quarry Road and not install sidewalks. Mr. Sean Flower of Flower and Fendler also said he does not want the trees removed or the sidewalks installed. It was noted that Quarry Road has a very wide right-of-way. There was a discussion on different scenarios for the use of Palmer Road, where to place sidewalks for the area, fill dirt for the subdivision, and future subdivision developments in the area.

All present were given the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

Alderman Roessler commented that he is interested in having someone come back to the committee with a plan and costs. It was the consensus of the committee for the developers of the Village of Wernings Phase IV bring this information back to the committee.

**IV. STATE BANK OF WATERLOO PROJECT**

Building Inspector Justin Osterhage went over the 11 sign variances that the State Bank of Waterloo and the Herbert C. Schueler Revocable Living Trust requested. Out of the 11, six (6) were recommended by the Street Graphics Committee and the other five (5) were not recommended.

V. **RECESS**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Huch and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to recess the Committee of the Whole committee meeting at 9:10 P.M. to hold the Refuse Collection and Recycling committee meeting. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. **RECONVENE**

The Committee of the Whole committee meeting was reconvened at 9:42 P.M. Upon Roll Call, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens were present.

VII. **WATER METERS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS FOR MULTIPLE UNIT HOUSING**

Building Inspector Justin Osterhage reviewed with the committee the "Example of Meter Cost". Mr. Osterhage explained the cost for each example with the total cost of building permit, inspections, water meter, expansion connector, water connection and sewer connection. The total for a single family dwelling was \$5,476.82; total for a two (2) unit duplex each unit metered was \$5,854.22 per unit cost; and eight (8) unit building each unit metered was \$5,219.92 per unit cost.

Mayor Hutchinson stated the information is exactly what is needed. It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the new policy.

VIII. **FY 2015-2016 TAX LEVY**

Mr. Morani reviewed with the committee the revised Tax Levy Analytical Data for tax years 2011 – 2014 (& Proposed Tax Year 2015) (Final Report). Based on the Police Pension Report from the State of Illinois, Mr. Morani recommends lowering the proposed Police Pension levy at \$350,000.00 . While this will be a decrease from last year's levy, it will be an increase over what the actuarial data indicates for this year but the result will strengthen the fund by increasing the funding ratio. Mr. Morani said there are some things we don't levy for and that the City does not want to go over a 5% annual increase . Mr. Morani added Medicare and Social Security levies since the Tort and Immunity has decreased due to paying off a settlement claim. The rate increase will be approximately 4.45%. Mr. Morani will have the Tax Levy Ordinance ready for vote at the next City Council meeting of December 21, 2015.

## **IX. ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Morani informed the committee he had distributed notes from the meeting he attended with Good Energy, L.P. Mr. Morani said Good Energy will work with the City on modifying the program if the low bidder indentified by the City is different than the bidder selected by the buying group., Mr. Morani asked if the City wants to purchase renewal (green) energy at any cost or consider traditional energy if the cost is lower by a certain percentage. Mr. Morani said that going green is typically a higher bid amount, but the only advantage to going green is that the City would be buying renewable energy tax credits. Mr. Morani said most municipalities in the southern Illinois buying group are going with traditional energy, which is cheaper.

It was the consensus of the committee that the City select the lowest traditional energy bid for the aggregation program.

## **X. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

### **A. LAWN MOWING SERVICES**

City Engineer Chris Smith commented on the exhibits of areas of mowing that the committee had received. Mr. Smith said he would like guidance on which properties to include. Mr. Morani recommended obtaining a cost for all properties. This item will go back to the first committee meeting in January.

## **XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)**

Chairman Ebersohl entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) for collective bargaining.

### **MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Martens to go into Executive Session at 10:08 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) for collective bargaining. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**XIII. REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Reis to return to the regular session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting at 10:22 P.M. Upon Roll

Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to the regular session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting, the following committee members were present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp, Martens and Mayor Hutchinson.

Chairman Ebersohl asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole committee meeting. There was none.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Agne to adjourn the Committee of the Whole committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 10:23 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by:

Gene Ebersohl  
GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Donna Mehafey  
DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Reis called the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 9:12 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Reis and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Niemietz.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp and Martens.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator James Morani, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Engineer Chris Smith, Accounting Manager Linda Sharp, Building Inspector Justin Osterhage, and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests Present: Mrs. Dawn Brucker of All Type Tree Service.

Chairman Reis stated the meeting was called to discuss: 1) Leaf and Limb Pickup

**II. LEAF AND LIMB PICKUP**

Chairman Reis reviewed with the committee City Engineer Chris Smith's memorandum regarding the leaf and limb contracts that will be expiring December 31, 2015. The staff recommendation/questions were: 1) How many year contract (previous contract was for two years)?; 2) Are current removal periods satisfactory?; 3) Is the current removal process satisfactory?; and 4) Staff recommends adding requirement to contract that contractor shall have name of their company clearly identified on vehicles, equipment and personnel.

Mrs. Dawn Brucker of All Type Tree Service addressed the committee and stated she has been asking for a longer contract for last ten (10) years. She suggested a contract for five (5) years. The committee was receptive to a five (5) year contract for leaf and limb pickup.

The current removal periods for the leaves was discussed. The removal periods can't be predicted as it can be different year to year depending on weather conditions. Mayor

Hutchinson said the City needs to have a cut-off date on a Monday for the leaf removal so the weekend can be used for leaf raking. The previous leaf removal cut-off on a Friday did not work since most residents work during the week and cannot get their leaves ready until the weekend. Currently, leaf removal is for a six (6) week period. Mrs. Brucker said they used to use ten (10) weeks, but does not know when that occurred, but said the City should have those records. Mrs. Brucker also said it is more difficult to remove leaves in the street than in the yards since water drains off leaves in the yards and will not drain off leaves in the streets. Mrs. Brucker said many residents still place the leaves in the street instead of their yards. Mrs. Brucker added that they used to place door hangers, which were very effective, if a vehicle was parked in front of the leaves, leaves in street, other problems, etc., but got away from the door hangers when a complaint came through City Hall and she was told to remove the leaves that were in the street. The committee was in agreement to again try the door hangers to point out issues.

City Engineer Chris Smith suggested dividing the City into quadrants for more effective leaf removal. Mrs. Brucker said there are very heavy areas of the City for leaf removal citing certain subdivisions and streets; Cascade Hills, Glendale, Crestview, Metter, Briegel, The Burroughs, Wilson Hills; which have many mature trees. She also added that the City is now larger with more areas to cover than before. Chairman Reis suggested to stretch out the leaf removal over a ten (10) week period and possibly it will not cost so much. Alderman Niemietz suggested a total of eight (8) weeks to try out. Mrs. Brucker recommended seven (7) weeks and one (1) week for the rest of the leaves plus starting in mid October to mid December. It was the consensus of the Committee to try eight (8) weeks for leaf removal, (7 weeks for first part and 1 week to finish up.) It was also the consensus of the Committee to require the proposed contract have the name of company clearly identified on vehicles, equipment and personnel.

Alderman Ebersohl discussed problems with residents blowing leaves into the street rather than placing on their property at the curb for removal and noted that the offenders need to be contacted.

City Administrator James Morani said that the DOPW is working on GIS (Geographic Information System) to show where the heavy leaf areas are located.

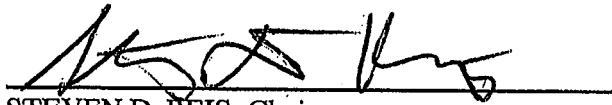
Alderman Agne asked Mrs. Brucker if anyone mulches the leaves that are placed out for removal and she said there was no way to tell if this has been done or not.

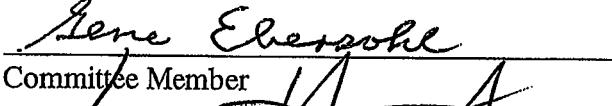
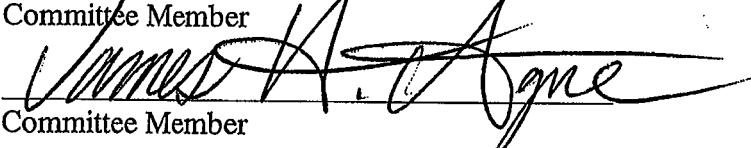
It was the consensus of the committee to move forward with the changes discussed. City Administrator James Morani said he will bring all the information back to the committee and will plan on completing an RFP (Request for Proposals) for leaf and limb removal in January 2016.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

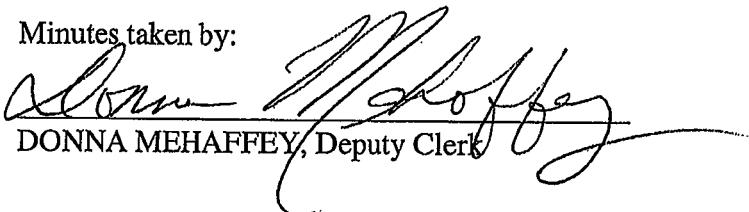
#### MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 9:42 P.M. Upon voice vote, Chairman Reis and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Niemietz voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

  
STEVEN D. REIS, Chairman  
REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

  
Gene Ebersohl  
Committee Member  
  
Agne  
Committee Member  
  
Mary Ellen Niemietz  
Committee Member

Minutes taken by:

  
DONNA MEHAFFEY, Deputy Clerk