

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to appoint Alderman Conrad as Mayor Pro Tem for Monday, September 18, 2006. Upon Roll Call, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Conrad called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch. Alderman Niemietz arrived at 7:04 PM. Mayor Hutchinson arrived at 7:14 PM.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Treasurer Bob Naumann, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Fire Chief Mike Roediger, Building Inspector Al Holden, CEMS Assistant Director Ken Buss, City Auditor Gen Schorb, and Director of Community and Economic Development Mike Hemmer.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Alderman Niemietz arrived at 7:04 PM.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 5, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations present.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Police Department

The report of the Chief of Police was presented to the Council

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the report of the Chief of Police as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Ambulance Director

The monthly report of the Director of the Columbia Emergency Medical Service was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Ambulance Director as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

C. Plan Commission

The report of the Plan Commission was presented to the Council.

Mayor Hutchinson arrived at 7:14 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Conrad turned the meeting over to Mayor Hutchinson.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Plan Commission as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

D. Fire Department

The report of the Columbia Fire Department was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the report of the Columbia Fire Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

E. Administration Department

Mr. Traxler informed the Council that SCI has suggested that another public meeting be held for Columbia Crossings and Cherry Street projects. Mr. Traxler then stated that he would proceed with scheduling a date and time.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to accept the report of the Administration Department as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

F. City Attorney

1. Resolution No. 04-2006 - Library Tax Levy

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Resolution No. 04-2006, a resolution levying a tax of .02% of the value of the taxable property in the City of Columbia, Illinois for equipping, maintaining, repairing, and alteration of the Columbia Public Library building for the fiscal year of the City commencing May

1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to accept the report of the City Attorney as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

G. City Engineer

The monthly report of the City Consulting Engineer was presented to the Council.

1. Mule Road Tank Painting Bids

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Acting Consulting Engineer and accept the low bid of \$14,950.00 submitted by Custom Coatings, Inc. for the painting of the Mule Road Water Tank. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Control Panel Purchase

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Conrad, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Acting Consulting Engineer to waive the bid process and authorize the purchase from Hydro-Kinetics, a new master control system for the Police Station and 3 additional control panels for the Dupo, Diehl, and Wecker sites. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Columbia Lakes IV Improvement Plans

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the recommendation of the Acting Consulting Engineer and approve the Improvement Plans for the Columbia Lakes IV subdivision. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Village of Wernings Improvement Plans

Alderman Row suggested that the City wait approving this plat especially since the remaining items are scheduled to be completed by September 20, 2006.

5. Trost Development Improvement Plans

Mr. Traxler informed the Council that the developer has been given a punch list of what items need to be addressed.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to accept the report of the City Consulting Engineer as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. Community and Economic Development

The report of the Director of Community and Economic Development was presented to the Council

1. Maverick Technologies TIF Incentive Request

Alderman Unnerstall stated that Maverick Technologies is the type of businesses that Columbia needs to attract but he would not support the TIF Agreement and cause the citizens to continue to finance this type of development.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to direct Mr. Hemmer to proceed with negotiating a Tax Increment Finance Incentive Agreement with Maverick Technologies. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Aldermen Unnerstall and Row voted nay. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to accept the report of the Director of Community and Economic Development as presented. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

I. City Clerk

Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

A. Report of Collections

The Report of Collections for the period commencing July 26, 2006 and ending August 25, 2006 was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to approve the Report of Collections for the period commencing July 26, 2006 and ending August 25, 2006, as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report to the Council.

VI. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 14, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred twenty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars, and ninety-two cents (\$127,235.92). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Statement of Funds

The monthly report of the City Auditor was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to accept the report of the Statement of Funds as submitted and on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Creekside Park Improvements

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Row, to proceed with the engineering study for the Creekside Park fishing lake soil liner option only. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Alderman Ebersohl voted nay. Motion Carried.

B. Columbia Lakes Open Space

Mr. Robert Jones, Ms. Laura Rebbe, Mr. Brad Hyles, and Mr. Paul Stevens, representatives for the Columbia Lakes subdivision addressed the Council regarding an old landfill they had uncovered in the Columbia Lakes subdivision.

C. Illinois Fire Chief's Association Study

Mr. Buzz Beverly and Mr. Robert Buhs of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Consulting Service presented their assessment to the Council. Mr. Buhs discussed the Response Model and addressed the importance of this model for providing emergency services to the citizens of Columbia.

D. Commerce Bank Sign

Mr. Traxler explained that the existing sign at the Market Place is a non-conforming sign with many additions to it and that this will be a topic of discussion because Commerce Bank is requesting a change to the sign. Mr. Holden stated that the sign exceeds height restrictions and square footage limitations.

IX. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee reports.

X. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There was no Call for Committee Meetings

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 9:58 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to return to the Regular Session of the City Council at 10:32 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to the Regular Session, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, Huch and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

A. City Engineer

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Conrad, to direct Mr. Traxler to proceed with negotiating an employment agreement for a City Engineer as discussed and agreed upon in Executive Session. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Row, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 18, 2006 at 10:33 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson