

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006 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 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch.

Absent: Alderman Conrad and Row.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Attorney Tom Adams, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Broshears, City Engineer Ron Williams, Assistant to City Engineer/Director of Public Works Larry Kremmel, City Treasurer Bob Naumann, and City Auditors Gene Schorb and Jim Schmersahl.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 6, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 6, 2006, as amended and on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, 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 Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, 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. Fire Department

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

MOTION:

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

D. Plan Commission

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

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.

E. Administration Department

1. Ordinance No. 2512 - Employ Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2512, an ordinance employing Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets, Inc. (PGAV) of St. Louis, Missouri to render professional aid and assistance to the City of Columbia, Illinois concerning a TIF Area Eligibility Study, Task Order Two and a Business District Implementation Task Order Three, concerning the G.J. Grewe, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri development of Columbia Crossing. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall voted nay. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2513 - Amend Sign Code

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2513, an ordinance amending the Sign Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2514 - Amend Personnel Code

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to pass Ordinance No. 2514, an ordinance amending Chapter 2.68.320, Holidays, A., City-Observed Holidays, of the Personnel Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

F. Public Works/City Engineer

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

1. Cherry Street - Task Order

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve a Task Order in the amount of \$6,811.25 for Horner & Shifrin to conduct a review of the revised Burns & McDonnell plans of September 22, 2006. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Oates Associates - Rueck Road Reconstruction Project

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the expenditure of \$9,400.00 to extend the construction phase services of Oates Associates for full-time construction observation through November 30, 2006 for the Rueck Road Reconstruction Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Oates Associates - Carl Street Improvements

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the transfer of 60 hours of services originally allocated for the preparation of legal descriptions and right-of-way plats for the Carl Street Improvements Project to 60 hours of property negotiations for the Carl Street Improvement Project. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

G. City Attorney

1. Ordinance No. 2515 - Stonecrest Subdivision Final Plat

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to pass Ordinance No. 2515, an ordinance approving the Final Subdivision Plat for phases One and Two of the Stonecrest Subdivision on "D" Road in Monroe County, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2516 - Tax Levy Abatement

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to pass Ordinance No. 2516, an ordinance directing the County Clerks of Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois to abate and not extend for collection the 2006 Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes scheduled for collection in 2007 for the \$765,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Combined Waterworks and Sewage System Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois issued pursuant to General Obligation Refunding Bond Ordinance No 2216 of the City for the purpose of refunding of Combined Waterworks and Sewage System Improvement Alternate Bonds of the City in the original principal amount of \$1,520,000.00. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz,

Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2517 - Brellinger First Addition Final Plat

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to pass Ordinance No. 2517, an ordinance approving the Final Subdivision Plat for the Brellinger First Addition Subdivision in the City of Columbia, St. Clair County, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

4. Ordinance No. 2518 - Chronic Nuisance Property

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to pass Ordinance No. 2518, an ordinance enacting a Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Columbia, Illinois. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

H. City Clerk

Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

1. Report of Collections

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

MOTION:

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

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Koesterer, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through November 16, 2006; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred seventy-three thousand, sixty-seven dollars, and twenty-six cents (\$373,067.26). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Statement of Funds

The report of the City Auditor was presented to the Council. Mr. Schmersahl explained the Illinois Police Pension Fund situation.

MOTION:

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee Reports

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There was no Call for Committee meetings.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:24 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:12 PM. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, and Huch voted yea. Motion Carried.

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, 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. There was none.

A. Information Systems Update

Mr. Traxler informed the Council that the City has received responses to the Information Technology RFP's. Mr. Traxler then explained that he, Fred Devenport, and the City Clerk have interviewed the top two vendors and will make a decision by the end of the week. Mr. Traxler then stated that the Council will start seeing invoices for services from the vendor that is selected to perform the IT Audit which will start within 30 days.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Koesterer, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, November 20, 2006 at 9:18 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk

Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson