

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:01 PM.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf.

Absent: Alderman Oberkfell.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Clerk Wes Hoeffken, City Administrator Anthony Traxler, Chief of Police Joe Edwards, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Engineer Ron Williams, and Fire Chief Mike Roediger.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 2, 2007 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 2, 2007 as on file at City Hall. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 2, 2007 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Hoeffken.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 2, 2007, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Alderman Unnerstall stated that he liked the detail in the minutes but questioned why the minutes contained more detail on the comments from guests speaking on behalf of the Columbia Crossing development, versus similar comments made by opponents of the development in the January 15, 2007 meeting. Mr. Hoeffken stated that he would gladly remove the detail from the minutes for the July 2, 2007 meeting. Alderman Niemietz stated that she preferred brief minutes and Alderman Agne stated that he preferred more detail. Mr. Hoeffken stated that he would remove the detail from the minutes.

Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Alderman Unnerstall voted nay. Motion Carried.

III. DELEGATIONS

A. Community and Senior Nutrition Site

Mayor Hutchinson introduced Paulette Hamlet and Pat Stumpf from Western Egyptian. Mayor Hutchinson then summarized meetings regarding a lease for part of the old Middle School to be used for a Senior Nutrition Site. Mayor Hutchinson then explained that the lease would cost \$650.00, including utilities, for 1,100 sq. ft., with Western Egyptian paying \$250.00 of the

monthly lease. Mayor Hutchinson added that the site would probably require \$6,000.00 of improvements.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Row, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to proceed with leasing 1,100 sq. ft. of the old Middle School from the Columbia School District at a monthly lease of \$650.00, with the City paying \$400.00 and Western Egyptian paying \$250.00, and authorize the expenditure of up to \$6,500.00 for necessary improvements, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the lease, contingent upon review and approval of the City Attorney. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Fire Department

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

1. Fire Truck Purchase

Chief Roediger presented a cost summary for 2 scenarios for the purchase of new fire trucks.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to direct Chief Roediger to proceed with additional cost study and financing options for a new 100' Platform truck and report back to the Council. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Police Department

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

C. EMS Department

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

D. City Engineer

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

1. Ordinance No. 2574 - Employ Craig Hiser

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to pass Ordinance No. 2574, an ordinance employing Craig Hiser of Columbia, Illinois to render professional services to the City of Columbia, Illinois in connection with easement and right-of-way acquisition for the Old Towne Improvement Project, specifically Cherry Street and Ferkel Street improvements. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2575 - Employ Baxmeyer Construction

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Row, to pass Ordinance No. 2575, an ordinance authorizing an agreement to employ Baxmeyer Construction, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to construct the improvement of Metter Street from Locust Street to Cherry Street. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

3. Amend Ozark Underground Laboratory Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and amend the contract with Ozark Underground Laboratory to assist Thouvenot, Wade, and Moerchen in the City's effort to obtain a permit for closure of the landfill. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf yea. Motion Carried.

4. Amend Horner & Shifrin Contract

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to accept the recommendation of the City Engineer and amend the contract with Horner & Shifrin in connection with the interchange work for the Columbia Crossing and other documentation, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf yea. Motion Carried.

E. Building and Zoning

The monthly report of the Zoning Administrator was presented to the Council.

1. Virginia L. Payne Annexation

Mr. Holden informed the Council that action on this item has been delayed.

2. Reliance Bank Request for Variance

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant the Request for Variance to Reliance Bank to locate the front of their bank building facing Admiral Parkway (a.k.a. Route 3) instead of the actual street frontage. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf yea. Motion Carried.

F. Plan Commission

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

G. Administration Department

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

1. Resolution No. 07-2007 - Release Letter of Credit

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Unnerstall, to pass Resolution No. 07-2007, a resolution releasing Letter of Credit Performance Guarantee No. 03-08, dated January 5, 2004, issued by First National Bank of Waterloo securing performance of a Cooperation Agreement for the Brellinger Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois requiring construction of cul-de-sacs at the east and west termini of Brellinger Street if that street be not extended by a date specified, requiring the extension of Rueck Parkway to the adjoining Joseph and Hilda Pfeffer property and requiring completion of other subdivision improvements required by the agreement to be done and performed by a date specified in the agreement, and to release a Maintenance Guarantee Letter of Credit No. 03-07, dated January 5, 2004 to secure performance of the maintenance of the infrastructure improvements for said subdivision for a term of two years, issued by said bank. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl,

Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

H. City Clerk

Mr. Hoeffken presented his report to the Council.

MOTION:

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

V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Statement of Funds

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

1. Resolution No. 08-2007 - Transfer of Funds

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Stumpf, to pass Resolution No. 08-2007, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$40,000.00, transferring said funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Library Operations Fund. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, and Mayor Hutchinson voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

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

B. Vouchers

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Hejna, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 12, 2007; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred thirty-one thousand, one hundred eleven dollars, and fifty-seven cents (\$431,111.57). Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any need to call for an Executive Session. There was no call for an Executive Session.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Council.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business brought before the Council.

IX. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Fire Department Committee

Minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, July 9, 2007 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday,

July 9, 2007 as on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

B. Committee Of The Whole

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, July 9, 2007 were presented to the Council for approval.

1. Rural Fire District

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to direct the City Administrator to compose a letter to the Rural Fire District summarizing the Council's understanding of the Rural Fire District's requests and asking the Rural Fire District to verify their position. Upon Roll Call vote, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Row, Hejna, and Stumpf voted yea. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole meeting held Monday, July 9, 2007 as on file at City Hall. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.

X. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

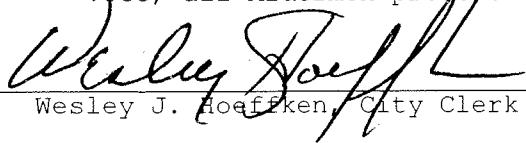
Monday, July 23, 2007

7:00 PM - Municipal Buildings, Property, and Capital Improvements
7:30 PM - Ordinances, Planning, and Zoning
(Joint Meeting with Plan Commission)

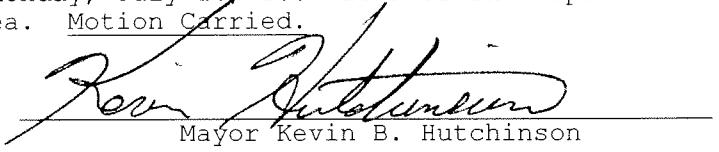
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Unnerstall, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 16, 2007 at 9:02 PM. Upon Voice vote, all Aldermen present voted yea. Motion Carried.



Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk



Kevin B. Hutchinson
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