

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 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:

Eberschl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Hejna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Oberkfell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stumpf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Row	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk Ron Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Tom Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Chris Volkman	

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 20, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to Mr. Colyer.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 20, 2009, as amended as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Abstain
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with one abstention

B. The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 20, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, July 20, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Abstain
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with one abstention

III. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Community and Economic Development

1. Ordinance to Authorize a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council with Traube Real Estate LLC for use of Premises Located at 504 DD Road for the Purpose of Providing Services to Senior Citizens.

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2733, An Ordinance to Authorize a Lease Agreement between the City of Columbia and Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council with Traube Real Estate LLC for use of Premises Located at 504 DD Road for the Purpose of Providing Services to Senior Citizens

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Preview for Columbia Daze (August 14-15) - Heritage & Preservation Commission Trolley Tour

Director Ellis updated the Council on activities scheduled for the Columbia Daze celebration, a part of the City's year long sesquicentennial events. Ellis noted that a particular highlight of the events would be the Historic Trolley Tours on Saturday which will carry its passengers to several interesting and historic sites around the City.

3. Miller-Fiege Home Update

Director Ellis gave the Council an update on the progress and plans for future improvements at the Miller-Fiege home.

Mr. Ellis also indicated that, through research and various conversations, he believes that the Miller-Fiege Home may be a candidate for the National Historic Register and asked the Council for directions regarding such.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to allow Mr. Ellis to file the necessary paperwork and start the process of determining if the Miller-Fiege Home is a candidate for the National Historic Register.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. City Engineer/Department of Public Works - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the City Engineer/Department of Public Works was presented to the Council by Assistant City Engineer Chris Volkman.

2. Meyer Lake Subdivision

Considerable discussion involving all Council members, the Mayor, City Attorney Tom Adams and Mr. Greg Meyer occurred regarding a proposed ordinance for conditional approval of the Minor Subdivision Plat for the Meyer Lake Subdivision, a four lot subdivision located on Ghent Road in the City. After listening to various opinions during the discussion and after being advised of the variances required for plat approval and the need for a public hearing for the zoning code variance by Attorney Adams, the consensus of the Council was not to act on the proposed ordinance at this time.

3. Diehl Plaza Drainage Issue

The Council discussed a request and information from Mr. Mark Wegmann requesting the City's participation in dealing with a drainage issue along North Main Street and Diehl Plaza. The proposal from Mr. Wegmann included an equal cost share between himself and the city.

It was moved and seconded to formulate plans for completion of the Diehl Drainage project, using City employees and equipment, and to bill Mark Wegmann for half the cost of the project.

Moved by:	Row	Second:	Stumpf	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Variance Request To Subdivision Code for Height of Fence at 1007 Derek

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to grant the property owner at 1007 Derek Dr. a variance in order to construct a 6' in height privacy fence in the rear yard of the property.

Moved by:	Row	Second:	Roessler	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

C. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2009

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2009 were presented to the Council.

D. City Attorney

The City Attorney's report was presented to the Council. Much of the City Attorney's report coincided with the passing of Ordinance No. 2734.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2734, An Ordinance to Authorize a Municipal Waterline and Construction Easement between the City of Columbia and the Faust Trust (Eleanor M. Faust and Carol Jean Faust, Trustees) for the City of Columbia to relocate a city waterline required for the widening of the Illinois Highway 158 right-of-way in the city and to approve of the form of said agreement.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

E. Administration Department

The report of the Administration Department was presented to the Council.

1. Full-Time Paramedic Hiring Recommendation from City Administrator Al Hudzik and Asst. EMS Director Ken Buss.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to hire Michael Mueller as a full-time paramedic for the Columbia EMS.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Application

Mr. Hudzik reported that Police Chief Joe Edwards has received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice informing him that our grant application under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program was not among those selected during the initial selection phase. However the letter states that our application has not been denied and remains under a "pending" status until future appropriations are made.

3. Library Roof Bid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to allow City Administrator Al Hudzik and Head Librarian Erica Pyle to construct bid specifications, following Municipal Code guidelines, and to move forward with bid and construction process in order to repair the library roof.

Moved by: Row Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

F. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson's report was presented to the Council.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of all Departments and Officers as presented.

Moved by: Agne Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea Row Yea Stumpf Yea
Agne Yea Hejna Yea Roessler Yea

Niemietz Yea Oberkfell Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

IV. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through July 30, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred twenty dollars, and four cents (\$281,720.04).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schorb & Schmersahl, LLC Audit Engagement Letter

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize Mayor Hutchinson to sign the Audit Engagement Letter as presented by the auditing firm of Schorb and Schmersahl, LLC.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

VII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - August 10, 2009

7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole
7:10 PM - Personnel

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

1. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries.

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:17 PM for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the public body and

its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 9:23 PM.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Agne Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Row, Hejna, Oberkfell, Stumpf, Roessler 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

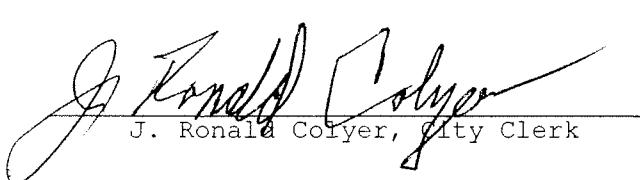
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 3, 2009 at 9:25 PM.

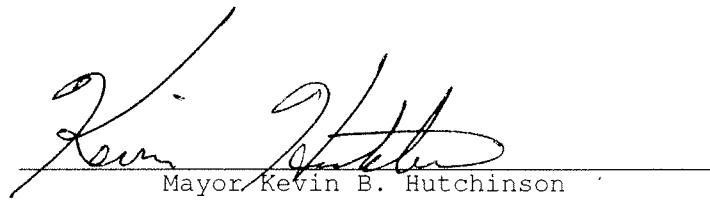
Moved by: Niemietz Second: Oberkfell Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Row	Yea	Stumpf	Yea
Agne	Yea	Hejna	Yea	Roessler	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Oberkfell	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Kevin B. Hutchinson