

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**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:

<b>Ebersohl</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Hejna</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Oberkfell</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Stumpf</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Row</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Roessler</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Mike Roediger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. DELEGATIONS**

A. Charles Todd Proclamation

Mayor Kevin Hutchinson proclaimed the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 to be "Charles Todd Day" in Columbia in recognition of Mr. Todd's long and generous service to Columbia and to the preservation of the City's proud heritage.

Mr. Todd responded with brief remarks thanking the City for the honor and invited City Officials and the general citizenry of Columbia to visit Todd Hall, a popular retreat named in his family's honor.

B. Oerter Foundation (Floyd Crowder) - Veterans Memorial Update

Mr. Floyd Crowder, President of the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation addressed the Council regarding a change in the Veterans Memorial plan. Mr. Crowder presented the Council with copies of a revised plan showing increased distances between benches and the center pedestal of the memorial.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes to the Veterans Memorial as shown on the copy of the revised plan presented by Mr. Crowder.

Moved by: Niemietz      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

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 were submitted for approval.

Corrections were given to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 8, 2009, as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row

Second: Niemietz

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea  
Agne Yea  
Niemietz Yea

Row Yea  
Hejna Yea  
Oberkfell Yea

Stumpf Yea  
Roessler Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

B. The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf

Second: Ebersohl

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea  
Agne Yea  
Niemietz Yea

Row Yea  
Hejna Yea  
Oberkfell Yea

Stumpf Yea  
Roessler Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

**A. Library Report - Monthly Report**

Head Librarian Erica Pyle presented the monthly Library report.

**B. Police Department & Communications**

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Police Department and Communications was presented to the Council.

2. Swearing of New Police Officer

Mr. Jeremy Brummer was sworn in by Mayor Hutchinson as a new police officer with the Columbia Police Department.

**C. EMS Department - Monthly Report**

The EMS monthly report was given by Chief Joe Edwards who reported that Assistant Director Ken Buss had reported that EMS revenues were up significantly over this time last year.

**D. Fire Department**

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Fire Department was presented to the Council by Acting Chief Jim Broshears.

2. Volunteer Fireman - New Hire

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Trevor Stout and Travis Busch to the force of the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department contingent upon the results from the pre-employment physicals and background checks.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

E. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building and Zoning Department was presented to the Council by Building Inspector Al Holden.

F. Community & Economic Development

1. Recap of First Annual Play Day Event

Director Ellis reported that approximately 125 to 150 participants took part in the first play day event held in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park.

2. Recommend Approval for a Main Street Façade Grant for 104 S. Main (Rug Buster Floor Coverings)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve a Main Street Façade Grant for 104 S. Main St. to install an awning on the front of the building at a cost of \$1,045 to the City and the same to the business.

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

3. Recommend Approval for Extension of a Main Street Façade Grant for 225 N. Main (Mattingly Jewelry)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve a six month extension for completion of a Main Street Façade Grant for 225 N. Main

Moved by: Hejna      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. Recommend Approval for Amending the Main Street Façade Grant Guidelines and Application

After discussing the Façade Grant guidelines and the prevailing wage statute, no official action was taken. However, the guidelines will be discussed in Committee.

5. Preview of Upcoming Events and Activities

--October 1...Columbia Market re-opening  
--October 3-4.Art Walk  
--October 7...Rock 'n' Roll to School

G. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. City Engineer's Report

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

2. Ordinance Entering into an Agreement for the Route 158 Water Line Relocation Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2741, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Okawville, Illinois to relocate a portion of the water line along Route 158 in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

3. Ordinance Entering into an Agreement for the Masonry Work at the Fire/EMS Building

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2742, an Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ MAV Masonry, Inc. of Marissa, Illinois to perform the Fire/EMS Building Masonry work project in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Oberkfell      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

4. Ordinance Entering into an Agreement for the Gedern Bridge Overlay

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2743, an Ordinance to employ Gleeson Asphalt, Inc. of Belleville, Illinois to perform the Gedern Village Bridge Overlay in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Oberkfell      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

5. Revised Area D on Developed Area Map for AR Flood Zone

City Engineer Ron Williams discussed, for the Council's knowledge, the developed area map associated with the FEMA AR Zone which will come into existence when the new FEMA flood plain maps become effective sometime in late 2010. Mr. Williams answered questions from Council Members and advised them that this is a matter to be dealt with in the future.

6. Old Town Project - Devenport and Crimm Driveways

Mr. Williams presented summary reports on driveways at 404 E. Cherry St. and 216 S. Ferkel. Homeowners at both locations have expressed dissatisfaction with the current configurations of their driveways. After discussion, the matters were referred to Committee.

7. Old Town Project - Breidecker Detour

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to oil and chip the current Breidecker Detour.

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

H. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2009

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council.

I. City Attorney

The City Attorney had nothing to report to the Council.

J. Administration Department

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

1. An Ordinance to Amend the City's Budget to Provide for Payment of Funds Due IDOT for the City's Local Interest Participation in the Cost for Reconstruction of Bottom Avenue.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2744, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Columbia, Illinois Budget for its 2009 Fiscal Year, which began on May 1, 2009 and ends on April 30, 2010, to provide for payment of funds due the Illinois Department of Transportation for the City's local interest participation in the cost for reconstruction of Bottom Avenue in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      9 To 0

2. Resolution Supporting the Monroe County Interoperable Communications Committee's Recommendation to Comply with FCC Mandated Requirements

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 12-2009, A Resolution supporting the Monroe County Interoperable Communications Committee's recommendation to comply with FCC Mandated Requirements.

Moved by: Stumpf      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

3. Pre-Employment Physicals Document Presentation

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Pre-Employment Physicals Document for the City of Columbia.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 1

K. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson's report was presented to the Council.

1. Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of members of Certain Boards, Commissions, Advisory and Committees for the Fiscal Year of the City commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Mayor Hutchinson entertained a motion for passage of this ordinance.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2745, An Ordinance to Provide for the Appointment of Members of Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Columbia, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of the City commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      5 To 4

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Row      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

**V. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS**

**A. Vouchers to be Paid**

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through September 17, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred seventy-eight thousand, forty-four dollars, and twenty-nine cents (\$278,044.29).

Moved by: Roessler      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. Statement of Funds**

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through August 31, 2009.

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

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. None

**VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch**

Minutes of the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

These minutes were tabled for future approval.

**B. Joint Meeting of License and Finance**

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of License and Finance Committee Meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

Corrections were forwarded to the City Clerk.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of License and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2009 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Hejna      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. Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

Minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Hejna      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 recommend to the City Council the bid of Audio Video Concepts in the amount of \$2,751 for the Miller-Fiege Home Security System and authorization to spend up to \$500 to upgrade the Miller-Fiege Home electrical panel and install exterior security lighting.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Hejna      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

D. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl 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

#### E. Personnel

Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

**MOTION:**

motion It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, September 14, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz      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

**IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

7:00 PM - Refuse Collection and Recycling  
7:10 PM - Ordinance, Planning and Zoning  
7:20 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities  
7:30 PM - Personnel and License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts  
7:40 PM - Committee of the Whole

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Personnel

1. Update/Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Salaries.
2. Update of Employee Disciplinary Matter.
3. Land Acquisition Discussion.

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of (1) 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, (2) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and (3) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. for the purpose of 1) 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, (2) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and (3) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered.

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 10:28 P.M.

Moved by: Agne      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

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.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 21, 2009 at 10:30 P.M.

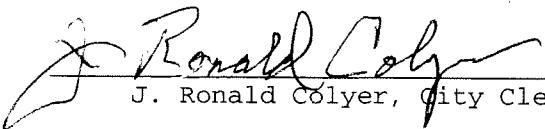
Moved by: Row

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



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson