

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 PM. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Ebersohl	<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:

- City Clerk Ron Colyer
- City Attorney Tom Adams
- Building Inspector Al Holden
- City Engineer Ron Williams
- Fire Chief Mike Roediger
- Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss
- City Administrator Al Hudzik
- Chief of Police Joe Edwards
- City Treasurer Bob Naumann
- Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
- Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
- Accounting Manager Linda Sharp

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, December 7, 2009 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 7, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

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

B. The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, December 7, 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 Monday, December 7, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Row 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

III. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Clerk's Report - October/November Report

The City Clerk's Report was presented to the Council by City Clerk Ron Colyer.

B. Library Report - Monthly Report

The Library Report was presented to the Council by Head Librarian Erica Pyle.

C. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

The monthly reports were presented by Police Chief Joe Edwards.

In addition, Chief Edwards reported that a group of Columbia Middle School students, through its annual Christmas Caroling efforts, raised and donated almost \$1,200 for the Police Department's annual toy drive to benefit needy families.

D. EMS Department - Monthly Report

The EMS report was given by Police Chief Joe Edwards.

E. Fire Department - Monthly Report

Fire Chief Mike Roediger presented the department's monthly report.

F. Building and Zoning Department - Monthly Report

The report was presented by Building Inspector Al Holden.

G. Community & Economic Development

1. Review of Goals & Objectives for 2010

Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis presented the Council with the Department's 2010 Development Strategy which includes the Department's goal to expand and enhance City and community revenues and assets so as to steadily increase available resources, broaden service delivery and improve the quality of life for all citizens. Mr. Ellis also discussed several specific Department objectives to be pursued during 2010.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to accept the Community and Economic Development Strategy for 2010 as presented by Director Ellis.

Moved by: Niemietz 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

H. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2009

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

I. City Attorney

1. Resolution for Partial Release of Letter of Credit 114 of First National Bank of St. Louis for the Route 3 Access Drive for Columbia Lakes Subdivision.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 14-2009, A Resolution to Authorize a First Amendment to a Letter of Credit Performance Guarantee No. 114, dated September 3, 2003, issued by the First National Bank of St. Louis to Guarantee the installation and construction of a

Route 3 access road for the Columbia Lakes III Subdivision in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Oberfell Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

J. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 17, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred seventy-six thousand, sixty-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$376,069.70).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds was presented by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through November 30, 2009.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Ordinance to abate the real estate tax levy for the \$6,000,000 General Obligation Capital Project and Refunding Bond Issue to be filed in the offices of the Monroe County and the St. Clair County Clerks' Offices.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2761, an Ordinance to abate certain taxes of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 to 0

4. Tax Levy Ordinance

A brief discussion was held by Council members, the Mayor and Accounting manager Linda Sharp regarding the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2762, an Ordinance Levying the Taxes for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2010.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 to 3

K. Administration Department

1. IMLRMA Min/Max Agreement Ordinance

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2763, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the I.M.L.R.M.A. Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

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

2. Administrator's Report

The report of the City Administrator was presented to the Council by Mr. Hudzik. Mr. Hudzik updated the Council on the latest information regarding the Freedom of Information Act changes that take place on January 1, 2010. Mr. Hudzik indicated that he would offer an ordinance at a future Council meeting regarding the City's officers who would handle the FOIA requests.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne 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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Henja requested an update on the insurance status of an accident involving a handrail on Valmeyer Road. City Engineer Ron Williams provided an update on the incident.

Alderman Oberkfell requested information on a time table for the utility work being done on Ghent Road. Mr. Williams provided the requested information.

VI. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 14, 2009

Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, December 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting held Monday, December 14, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

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

B. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts & Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest (Joint Meeting)

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 14, 2009

Minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts & Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting (Joint Meeting) held Monday, December 14, 2009 were presented to the Council for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts & Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee meeting (Joint Meeting) held Monday, December 14, 2009 as on file at City Hall.

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

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 14, 2009

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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council that the City make a counter-offer to the Department of Public Works employees' union as discussed and detailed in the Executive Session minutes.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 2 with 1 abstention

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 abstention

2. Executive Session Minutes - December 14, 2009

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

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 abstention

VII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 28, 2009

None for December 28, 2009

January 25, 2010 - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation @ 7:00 p.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

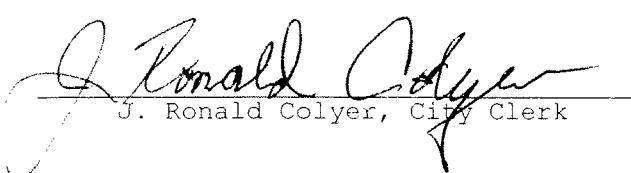
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:50 PM.

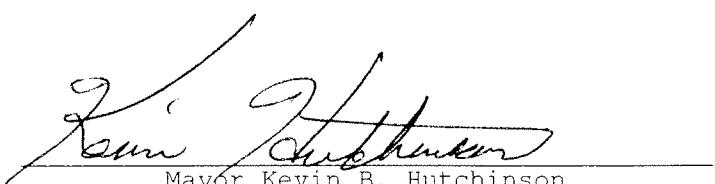
Moved by: Agne Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson