

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 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:

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:

<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 type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Bob Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ron Williams	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 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 21, 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 21, 2009, as on file at City Hall.

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

III. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. The City Engineer's Report was presented to the Council by City Engineer Ron Williams. Mr. Williams' discussion included: the possibility of additional relief and recovery funding for streets and roadways; the possibility of the submittal of transportation improvement projects (TIP) funding; and the formal close out with the Illinois Department of Transportation of the Rueck Road, Phases Two and Three, project. Mr. Williams expressed a desire to hire an individual or an engineering firm to help with the closing of the Rueck Road Phase Two and Three projects.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to have Mr. Williams, and City Administrator Al Hudzik, consult with former City of Columbia and former IDOT employee Larry Kremmel or an appropriate firm regarding the closing of the Rueck Road Phase Two and Three projects.

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

B. City Attorney

No report.

C. Administration Department

1. The Administrator's Report was presented to the Council by City Administrator Al Hudzik. His report included a recommendation regarding the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and an announcement that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for January 19th.
2. Ordinance Setting Forth Provisions for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2764, An Ordinance setting forth provisions for compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Moved by: Agne Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 5 To 3

3. The Mayor thanked Mr. Hudzik for his efforts in preparing an analysis of the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2762 that was enacted on December 21, 2009. Mayor Hutchinson noted that there were three nay votes on the ordinance at that time and conveyed that if the aldermen who voted nay on the Tax Levy Ordinance had ideas for better or improved methods to raise revenues he was certainly open to listening to the ideas or suggestions.

D. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

No report.

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz 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

IV. CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

A. Vouchers to be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 31, 2009; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred forty-three thousand, seven hundred eight dollars, and seventy-five cents (\$443,708.75).

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Alderman Stumpf raised a question regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge in the Creekside Park. Mr. Williams indicated that the design work done by Hoelscher Engineering is complete for the project; however, the necessary funds to complete the project have not been available.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alderman Stumpf requested that Mr. Hudzik keep the Council apprised or updated on the negotiation and arbitration process regarding a neighboring city and its police department.

B. Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council of a request by radio station JOY FM to conduct a "Polar Bear Walk" in the City in order to raise funds for their Christian radio station.

C. Alderman Oberkfell had a question regarding the most recent tax levy analysis as presented by Mr. Hudzik. Mr. Hudzik answered the query by explaining the steps of arriving at the analysis of the possible future impact of Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2762 enacted December 21, 2009.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Regular Session Minutes - December 14, 2009

The Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, December 14, 2009 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

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

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

VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - January 11, 2010

7:00 PM - Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities
7:10 PM - Ordinance, Planning and Zoning
7:20 PM - Committee of the Whole/ICS
7:30 PM - Personnel

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:50 P.M.

Moved by: Agne

Second: Row

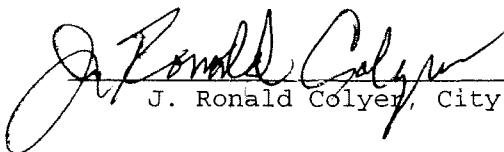
Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

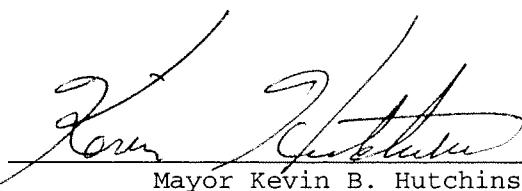
Row Yea
Hejna Yea
Oberkfell Yea

Stumpf Yea
Roessler Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. Ronald Colyer, City Clerk



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson