

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CEMS Director Ken Buss	<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
	<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle

The Council and citizens in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DELEGATIONS

A. Josephine Inman - Cherry Street Project

Mrs. Inman appeared before the Council to register her displeasure regarding the length of time it is taking to complete the Old Town Project and particularly to finish construction on the Inman residence driveway at 204 Breidecker Street. Mayor Hutchinson thanked her for her comments and for appearing before the Council. City Engineer Ron Williams then addressed the Inman driveway completion issue and briefly touched upon the status of the Old Town Project.

B. CUSD No. 4 Supt. Ed Settles - Request to use the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park Football Field

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the use of the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park Football Field on June 15, 22 and 29 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM by the Columbia Community Unit School District #4 for Columbia High School seven-on-seven passing practice.

Moved by: Niemietz 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. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of May 17, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 17, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 17, 2010, as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Stumpf 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

B. Executive Session Meeting of May 17, 2010

The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 17, 2010 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 17, 2010, 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

IV. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. Old Heritage, Inc./Charles & Alice Klein - Request for Variance

Marvin Wittenauer, a building contractor, addressed the Council on behalf of Old Heritage, Inc. and Charles and Alice Klein who have requested a variance to change the front building line from 40 feet to 30 feet at 334 (lot five) and 358 (lot eight) Elizabeth Drive in the Milestone Manor Subdivision. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals previously voted 4-0 to deny the change at 334 Elizabeth (lot five) and voted 2-2 on the proposed change at 358 Elizabeth (lot eight) and the members of the Zoning Board referred the variance requests to the City Council for its consideration.

The Mayor and the Council agreed to consider each of the requests (lot five and lot eight) separately.

After lengthy discussion and debate (regarding property lines, lot sizes, square footage of houses and property easements) involving the Mayor, Council Members, City Attorney Tom Adams, Building Inspector Al Holden, City Engineer Ron Williams, Mr. Wittenauer and Mr. Klein, the Council proceeded to take action in the form of two motions.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Zoning Request for a 10 ft. setback Variance for Lot 5 located at 334 Elizabeth in the Milestone Manor Subdivision.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Failed 5 Yeas and 3 Nays

*Motion Failed since the vote did not meet a 2/3's vote of the Aldermen.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Zoning Request for a 10 ft. setback Variance for Lot 8 located at 358 Elizabeth in the Milestone Manor Subdivision.

Moved by: Stumpf Second: Hejna Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Failed 5 To 4

The Mayor, in explaining his Nay vote to break a 4-4 tie vote by the Council, and summarizing the sentiments of other Council members voting Nay, cited the lack of due diligence of the lot owner and the builder in researching the existing easements as they relate to the boundaries of the property and the size and location of the proposed building.

V. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. The Community & Economic Development Department report was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2010 were presented.
2. Civic Progress Committee Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2010 were presented. As a result of discussions and a vote at Committee, Mr. Ellis proposed that the Council grant a request from the Property owner at 124A S. Main St. for a six-month extension to complete façade improvements.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to grant the property owner at 124A S. Main St. a six-month extension to complete façade improvements to the property.

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

3. Summer Intern Approval

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to recommend to the City Council approval of a non-compensated summer internship through Southwestern Illinois College for student Angela M. Wilsing to work at City Hall (as recommended by Paul Ellis and Linda Sharp), contingent upon her successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

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

4. Recommendation from the Civic Progress Committee to Promote "Historic Main Street Columbia"

Mr. Ellis outlined the Civic Progress Committee's proposal for the Council. The proposed promotion will begin with two projects: 1) a street banner program displaying logos from Main Street Businesses; and 2) a Tourism Attraction Sign Program with signage to be located on I-255 (one sign in each direction), which would list "Historic Main Street Columbia" and contain additional space to list other Columbia attractions.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the concept recommended by the Civic Progress Committee to promote "Historic Main Street Columbia" through the use of the Street Banner Program. The Council instructed Mr. Ellis to provide further specifics on this program at a future meeting for the Council's final approval.

Moved by: Oberkfell Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Present

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve (i) the concept recommended by the Civic Progress Committee to promote "Historic Main Street Columbia" through the Tourism Attraction Sign Program; and (ii) the use of available funds in the City's Tourism Fund to pay (a) the \$100 highway signage application fee; and (b) 50% of the cost of manufacturing the highway signs (with the participating merchants providing the remaining 50%).

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

5. Ordinance Establishing a Board of Managers for the Warderman Cemetery in the City of Columbia, Illinois and Determining Their Rights, Powers and Duties

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2789, An Ordinance establishing a board of managers for the Warderman Cemetery in the City of Columbia, Illinois and determining their rights, powers and duties.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Row Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Present

6. Update on Inventorying and Archiving Historical Materials: Mr. Ellis reported that Linda Roider is continuing to work with him and Library Director Erica Pyle on this ongoing project. Grant monies secured through the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board will allow

the City to hire an archivist to work with City personnel on this project.

7. Recommendation from the Play Commission to Amend the "Park Use Permit Application"

The Mayor and Council agreed to discuss the recommendation in an appropriate Committee Meeting.

8. Resolution from the Revolving Loan Advisory Committee Conditionally Authorizing a Community Development Assistance Program Revolving Loan to Reifschneider's Grill & Grape, LLC, an Illinois Corporation

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 02-2010, A Resolution conditionally authorizing a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan to Reifschneider's Grill & Grape, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Company.

Moved by:	Roessler	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

9. Recap of Spring Parks Clean-up Project and Recycle Event: Mr. Ellis updated the Council on these recent events.
10. Objectives for Energy Efficiency Grants & Loans: Mr. Ellis distributed a MEMO detailing several priorities to consider when selecting which grants and loans the City should pursue pertaining to energy efficiency projects.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to allow Director of Community and Economic Development Ellis to pursue grants, as they become available, that meet the objectives and priorities detailed in said MEMO, provided the Council Members are properly notified when the grant application is filed.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Roessler

After additional discussion, Alderman Roessler withdrew his second and Alderman Ebersohl withdrew his motion and it was decided to discuss the process for submitting grant applications at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

B. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

The City Engineer's Report was presented by City Engineer Ron Williams.

2. Hiring of Assistant City Engineer

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Timothy D. Ahrens as the Assistant City Engineer at an annual salary of \$64,750, contingent upon his successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as state and federal background checks.

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

Motion Carried 5 to 2 with 1 Present

Alderman Hejna pointed out that her Nay vote had nothing to do with the candidate's credentials for the position but that she simply felt that given the state's current financial situation and the uncertainty of the City's funding that the hire was not fiscally responsible at this time.

3. Hiring of Summer Help Employees

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Phillip Stoecker and Nick Sondag as DOPW summer help employees, contingent upon the successful completion of pre-employment physicals, as well as state and federal background checks, for each of these individuals.

Moved by: Row	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

4. Old Town Update

Mr. Williams updated the Council on the Old Town Project which, he indicated, is nearing completion.

5. Approval of Sanitary Sewer Root Control

Mr. Williams reported that Morris Linnemann, Wastewater Superintendent, has requested approval to accept Duke Root Control's proposal to treat 2,140 feet of sewer pipe and three manholes that have roots in them.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Duke Root Control's proposal to treat the necessary sewer pipes and manholes at a cost of \$3,777.60.

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

6. Palmer Road Update

Mr. Williams reported that the Palmer Road Project construction work started on June 3rd.

7. Milton Street Easements Update

Alderman Row requested an update on the status of the easements on Milton Street, which was given by Mr. Williams.

C. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - May 24, 2010

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2010 were presented to the City Council by Edith Dean.

D. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Tom Adams indicated that he had no items to present for Council action.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through June 3, 2010; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$437,879.57).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Stumpf Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 1

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report-City Administrator Al Hudzik

Mr. Hudzik gave the Council a recap of the June 5th City Recycle Day Event. He estimated that approximately 400 autos entered the Columbia High School parking lot with recyclable items. He also indicated that those citizens he spoke with were appreciative of the event.

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the May, 2010 Mayor's Report to the City Council.

2. 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, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2790, 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, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011.

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

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne

Second: Niemietz

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Row
Hejna
Oberkfell

Yea
Yea
Present

Stumpf
Roessler

Yea
Yea

Motion Carried 7 to 0 with 1 Present

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 24, 2010

The Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, May 24, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, May 24, 2010 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl

Second: Roessler

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Row
Hejna
Oberkfell

Yea
Yea
Yea

Stumpf
Roessler

Yea
Yea

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Motion: Recommend to the City Council approval for the Columbia Gymnastic Association (Turner Hall) to use Metter Park for the annual Maifest celebration to be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 2010.

MOTION TO RATIFY:

It was moved and seconded to ratify the use of Metter Park by the Columbia Gymnastic Association (Turner Hall) for the annual Maifest celebration which was held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 2010.

Moved by: Ebersohl

Second: Niemietz

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea
Agne Yea
Niemietz Yea

Row
Hejna
Oberkfell

Yea
Yea
Yea

Stumpf
Roessler

Yea
Yea

Motion Carried 8 to 0

B. Fire Department

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 24, 2010

The Fire Department Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, May 24, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Fire Department Committee meeting held Monday, May 24, 2010 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

C. License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 24, 2010

The License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, May 24, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committee meeting held Monday, May 24, 2010 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

D. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - May 24, 2010

The Personnel Committee Meeting minutes held Monday, May 24, 2010 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held Monday, May 24, 2010 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 - JUNE 14, 2010

- 7:00 PM - Committee of the Whole - City attorney appointment discussion and cell tower leases discussion.
- 7:15 PM - Joint Meeting of the Personnel & License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts Committees - Review of rate increases and analysis of health insurance premiums.
- 7:30 PM - Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation - OSLAD grant application review.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 7, 2010 at 9:40 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz

Second: Row

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl Yea

Row Yea

Stumpf Yea

Agne Yea

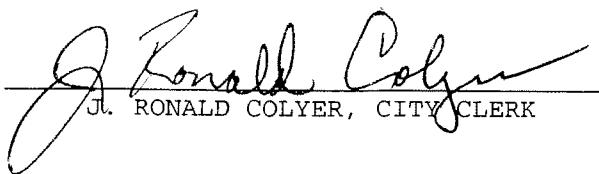
Hejna Yea

Roessler Yea

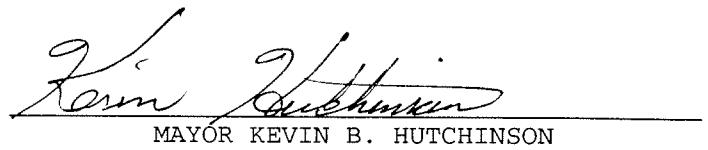
Niemietz Yea

Oberkfell Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON

MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON