

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 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>Huch</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Agne</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Mathews</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Niemietz</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Piazza</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Economic Development Paul Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<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 type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Erica Pyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller

**II. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of November 21, 2011

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 21, 2011 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 21, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis

Second: Huch

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea
Agne	Yea
Niemietz	Yea

Roessler	Yea
Huch	Yea
Mathews	Yea

Piazza	Yea
Reis	Yea

Motion Carried 8 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2011 were presented to the City Council by Plan Commission Chairman Virgil Mueller.

B. Building Department

1. American Legion Post 581 - Building Permit Fee

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to waive the \$155.50 building permit fee for the Columbia American Legion Post 581 restroom remodeling project.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

C. Community & Economic Development Report-Director Paul Ellis

1. Civic Progress Committee Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2011

2. Play Commission Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2011

3. Results from Fort Piggot Event - November 30, 2011

Mr. Ellis presented an update on committee meetings and the historical society discussions regarding findings and documentation of the Piggot's Fort location.

4. Update on Website Improvements

5. TIF Reimbursements (Per Admiral Trost Redevelopment Area Plan) for Taxes Paid in 2011

Mr. Ellis reviewed the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursements for Calendar year 2011.

6. Review of 2011 Program, Goals & Objectives

Mr. Ellis reviewed a status report for the Community and Economic Development's strategy and goals for the 2011 year.

7. Special Event Permit Request - Quantum Mesa Racing Team

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Quantum Mesa Racing Team to hold a bicycle race in the Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park on December 18, 2011 beginning at 6:00 A.M.

Moved by: Piazza      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

8. Request for Time Extension for Façade Grant Project at 204 S. Main Street

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve a six month time extension for the Façade Grant Project at 204 S. Main Street - Audio Video Concepts.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Abstain	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea

Niemietz      Yea      Mathews      Yea

Motion Carried      7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

9. Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2871, Which Provided 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, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2918, an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2871, Which Provided 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, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012 (Amend Play Commission - Delete Jeff Cernicek 05/01/2011 to 04/30/2012 and add Jennifer Eggleston 12/01/2011 to 04/30/2012).

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

10. Set Date for Public Hearing for Revised Open Space, Bicycle & Greenway Alignment Plan - December 19, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.

D. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

1. Engineer's Report

Engineer Ron Williams presented the City Engineer's Report to the Council.

2. Purchase of 2012 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck 4 x 4

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the lowest bid for the purchase of a 2012 3/4 ton pickup truck 4 x 4 for the Department of Public Works - Street Department in the amount of \$24,973.82 from Mertz Ford of Millstadt.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

E. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through December 1, 2011; the total amount of the vouchers to

be paid is four hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred eighty-six dollars and thirteen cents (\$428,786.13).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through October 31, 2011 was presented to the City Council by Ms. Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,022,301.03. The balance is \$132,595.27 lower than the \$6,154,896.30 balance of September 30, 2011.

The statement indicated that as of October 31, 2011, the State of Illinois is four months (July, August, September and October) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$255,363.97 due to the City of Columbia.

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

City Administrator Al Hudzik presented his report to the City Council.

2. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2919, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Mathews      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 to 0

3. Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees Tax Levy Request Correspondence

Mr. Hudzik reviewed the information available from the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees Tax Levy Request.

H. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for the month of November 2011 to the City Council.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Recommend to the City Council that city staff be authorized to explore lease options for the lease of the Piggot's Fort site (Lot 11-A of Bluff View Estates subdivision) from the Columbia Historical Society.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that City Staff be authorized to explore lease options for the lease of the Piggot's Fort site (Lot 11-A of Bluff View Estates subdivision) from the Columbia Historical Society.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Huch      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 to 0

B. Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest

1. Recommend to the City Council that an ordinance be prepared authorizing the City to enter into the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for the City's insurance coverage for CY 2012.

This was covered under Item IV-G-2, page 4, Ordinance No. 2919.

2. Regular Session Minutes - November 14, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 14, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 14, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Piazza      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

C. Personnel

1. Recommend to the City Council approval of the recommendation of Ken Buss, Chief of the EMS Division, that Darin Hartman (i) be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Columbia EMS Department; and (ii) receive a wage increase to the pay rate associated with such rank.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation of Ken Buss, Chief of the EMS Division, that Darin Hartman (i) be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Columbia EMS Department; and (ii) receive a wage increase to the pay rate associated with such rank.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

D. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 as amended and on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

E. Water and Sewer

1. Recommend that the City Council approve the Carr Creek Lift Station solid waste grinder repairs as discussed at the committee meeting (with the cost not to exceed \$19,066).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Carr Creek Lift Station solid waste grinder repairs as discussed at the committee meeting (with the cost not to exceed \$19,066).

Moved by: Piazza      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - November 28, 2011

The Regular Session Minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting held Monday, November 28, 2011 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Piazza                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 to 0

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest - 7:00 P.M. - (1) Tax Levy and Abatement Discussion; (2) Capital Development Fund Financial Projections

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:10 P.M. - 800 MHz Signal Transmission System Tower update/bid review/discussion

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:48 P.M.

Moved by: Agne                      Second: Reis                      Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried      8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



Kevin B. Hutchinson

MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON