

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson, with the assistance of the Girl Scouts from six troops who were present in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts, called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. 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.

The Girl Scouts in attendance led the recitation of 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 checked="" 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 Commissioner Mike Hemmer

II. DELEGATIONS

A. Girl Scouts Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Proclamation

In a proclamation, Mayor Hutchinson noted the City's pride in the commitment of the Girl Scouts and proclaimed the week of March 11-17, 2012 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Columbia.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 21, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 21, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne

Second: Huch

Vote: Roll Call

Ebersohl	Yea
Agne	Yea
Niemietz	Yea

Roessler	Yea
Huch	Yea
Mathews	Abstain

Piazza	Yea
Reis	Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0 with 1 Abstention

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2012

Commissioner Mike Hemmer presented the February 27, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Building & Zoning

1. Dave Sinclair Ford - Special Use Permit

See Ordinance No. 2938 passed and approved March 5, 2012; see Item III-C-4, pages 2 and 3 of these minutes.

C. City Engineer/Department of Public Works

## 1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. During his report, Mr. Williams credited the unseasonable weather for aiding in the completion of two storm sewer projects and noted that the lack of snow during the winter has left the City with enough salt that expenditures for next year will be minimal.

2. Ordinance to Enter into Agreement for Limb Removal Services

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2936, An Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ Hudson Tree Service of Millstadt, Illinois to perform limb removal services in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. Ordinance to Enter into Agreement for Leaf Removal Services

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2937, An Ordinance to authorize an agreement to employ All Type Tree Service, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois to perform leaf removal services in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Reis      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

4. Ordinance to Grant a Special Use Permit for 600 Columbia Centre for Dave Sinclair Ford to Allow Retail Used Car and Truck Sales in a C-2 (General Business) Zoned District

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2938, An Ordinance to grant a Special Use Permit for Real Estate having the assigned address of 600 Columbia Centre, in the City of Columbia, Illinois for Dave Sinclair Ford to allow Retail Used Car and Truck Sales in a C-2 (General Business) Zoned District in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Piazza      Vote: Roll Call

Eberschl Yea Roessler Yea Piazza Yea

Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

D. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had no report.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 1, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred four thousand four hundred fifty-four dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$204,454.88).

Moved by: Roessler	Second: Huch	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. Ordinance Authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, d/b/a Charter Communications Pertaining to Non-Disclosure of Confidential Corporate Information

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2939, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Columbia, Illinois, to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, d/b/a Charter Communications Pertaining to Non-Disclosure of Confidential Corporate Information.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

3. United Steel Workers Formal Notice of Demand to Bargain Correspondence - Department of Public Works Employees - and Action on Recommendation to Employ Labor Counsel

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Attorney Mark W. Weisman with the firm of Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C., be employed as labor counsel to assist with labor negotiations with the United Steel Workers, representing the Department of Public Works employees.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Niemietz	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 To 0

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's 2011 Annual Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's 2011 Annual Report.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented his report for the month of February, 2012.

Accept Department and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Reis	Second: Roessler	Vote: Roll Call
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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. Regular Session Minutes - February 13, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 13, 2012 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, February 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl	Second: Reis	Vote: Roll Call
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Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 8 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - February 13, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 13, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 13, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

3. Regular Session Minutes - February 27, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 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, February 27, 2012 as 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

4. Executive Session Minutes - February 27, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 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. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Regular Session Minutes - February 27, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 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

C. Refuse Collection and Recycling

1. Recommend to the City Council that two (2) year contracts (until December 31, 2013) for limb and leaf removal services be entered into with (i) Hudson Tree Service for limb removal services; and (ii) All Type Tree Service, Inc. for leaf removal services.

See Ordinance Numbers 2936 and 2937 passed and approved March 5, 2012; see items IV-C-2 and IV-C-3, page 2 of these minutes.

2. Regular Session Minutes - February 27, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 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. Recommend to the City Council that city street signs be replaced with signs having a brown background (with white letters) on Main Street and a green background (with white letters) throughout the rest of the city.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that City street signs be replaced with signs having a brown background (with white letters) on Main Street and a green background (with white letters) throughout the rest of the city.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Agne      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 - February 27, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2012 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, February 27, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 12, 2012**

Committee of the Whole - 7:00 P.M. Discussion on Library Weekend Closings; Request for Easement and Royalty Rights Discussion - L. Mund; Financial Information Presentation and Budget Update; Sale of Surplus Property Discussion

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Pending litigation update/discussion

B. Review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for an update/discussion on pending litigation and review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:28 P.M. for an update/discussion on pending litigation and review/discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s).

Moved by: Reis      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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:14 P.M.

Moved by: Ebersohl      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

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Piazza, Reis 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.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

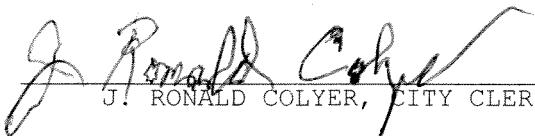
**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 5, 2012 at 8:16 P.M.

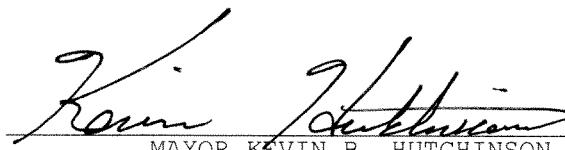
Moved by: Reis      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON