

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Olivia Holman, Honorary Mayor for the Day, 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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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.

Ms. Holman led all in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff Present:

<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey

## II. DELEGATIONS

A. Mayor for the Day - Olivia Holman

Mayor Hutchinson presented Ms. Holman a Certificate for her roll as Mayor for the day.

III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, July 16, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 16, 2012 were submitted for approval.

**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 16, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2012

Plan Commissioner Mike Hemmer presented the Monday, July 23, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development - Report

Community & Economic Development Coordinator Paul Ellis was not present for the meeting. However, his report was presented to the Council and Mr. Ellis may be contacted if there are any questions.

C. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council.

2. An Ordinance to authorize an agreement between Monroe County, Illinois and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation (Section 12-00023-01-BR) in the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2964, An Ordinance to authorize an agreement between Monroe County, Illinois and the City of Columbia, Illinois with regard to the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation (Section 12-00023-01-BR) in the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Ebersohl      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

3. An Ordinance to authorize and approve a thirty (30) feet wide easement of ingress and egress for Louis I. Mund across property known as the Mule Water Tank at 1243 Mule Road in the County of St. Clair, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2965, An Ordinance to authorize and approve a thirty (30) feet wide easement of ingress and egress for Louis I. Mund across property known as the Mule Water Tank at 1243 Mule Road in the County of St. Clair, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

4. An Ordinance to authorize and approve a Quit Claim Deed conveying the Right, Title and Interest in and to any and all Coal, Gas and all other Minerals underlying to Louis I. Mund for property known as the Mule Water Tank at 1243 Mule Road in the County of St. Clair, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2966, An Ordinance to authorize and approve a Quit Claim Deed conveying the Right, Title and Interest in and to any and all Coal, Gas and all other Minerals underlying to Louis I. Mund for property known as the Mule Water Tank at 1243 Mule Road in the County of St. Clair, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Agne      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

During his report, Mr. Williams updated the Council on several items and projects including the Quarry/Ghent/Old Route 3 Roadway/Intersection improvements, Cherry Street Phase 2 - Liberty Street to South Main Street project, Temple Street Sidewalk project, Washington and Liberty Streets Waterline project, painting projects completed by the temporary summer employees and the radar speed display signs.

Mr. Williams also informed the Council that the City has been awarded a \$300,000.00 Transportation, Community and System Preservation Grant through the Federal Highway Administration as of last Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the City of Columbia Main Street Streetscape project. Mr. Williams added that the City of Columbia was only one of two communities in the State of Illinois to receive the grant.

D. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert will present his report in Executive Session.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 2, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is three hundred twenty-one thousand thirty-one dollars and ninety-three cents (\$321,031.93).

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through June 30, 2012 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,073,784.87. The balance is \$78,955.82 lower than the \$5,152,740.69 balance of May 31, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of June 30, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (April, May and June) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$270,101.01 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through June 30, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2948 which established the budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its fiscal year commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2967, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2948 which established the budget of the City of Columbia, Illinois for its fiscal year commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

G. Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson will present his monthly report to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

2. Recognition of Accounting Manager Linda Sharp for Earning her Certified Illinois Municipal Treasurer Credential

Mayor Hutchinson presented Accounting Manager Linda Sharp a special award, the Certified Illinois Municipal Treasurer Credential which she earned for her continuing education, training, dedication and hard work in the finance field from the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association.

3. 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, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 2968, 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, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Motion: Recommend to the City Council that (i) City Staff present the necessary budget amendment documentation to the City Council to allow for the purchase of twenty-two (22) Automated External Defibrillators ("AEDs") for City and Columbia Fire Protection District usage; and (ii) competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of said AEDs be waived since their purchase is being funded by contributions from the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation and the Norman Kutterer Family Foundation.

See page 4, Item IV-F-2, Ordinance No. 2967 passed and approved for the motion of Item (i) above - City Staff present the necessary budget amendment documentation to the City Council to allow for the purchase of twenty-two (22) Automated External Defibrillators ("AEDs") for City and Columbia Fire Protection District usage.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of AEDs for the City and Columbia Fire Protection District usage be waived since their purchase is being funded by contributions from the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation and the Norman Kutterer Family Foundation.

Moved by: Ebersohl Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 8 To 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee meeting held Monday, July 23 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, July 23, 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	Absent		

Motion Carried      7 to 0

B.      Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements

1.      Regular Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne      Second: Roessler      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 to 0

C.      Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee

1.      Regular Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 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	Absent		

Motion Carried      7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 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	Absent		

Motion Carried 7 to 0

D. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 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, July 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - July 23, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, July 23, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Huch      Second: Ebersohl      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

## VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS – AUGUST 13, 2012

Committee of the Whole – 7:00 P.M. (i) Columbia Lakes Area Community Unit Plan (North & South) Cooperation Agreement(s) review/discussion (ii) City Wards Review

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning – 7:10 P.M. Kennel Definition Discussion

Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee – 7:20 P.M. Executive Session: Pending Litigation Settlement update/discussion

Personnel – 7:30 P.M. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pending Litigation Update/Discussion

B. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation Update/Discussion and Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of Pending Litigation Update/Discussion and Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

Moved by: Hutch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:53 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Ebersohl Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Hutch, Piazza, Reis and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

## X. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

There was none.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

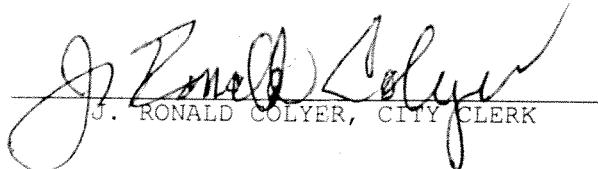
**MOTION:**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 6, 2012 at 8:54 P.M.

Moved by: Niemietz      Second: Reis      Vote: Roll Call

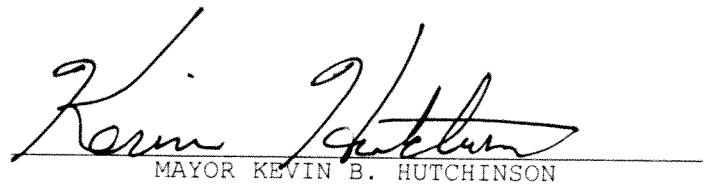
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Piazza	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea	Reis	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried      7 To 0



J. RONALD COLYER

J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON

MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON