

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of Columbia, Illinois was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

(*Mayor Hutchinson was absent due to a death in the family.)

Ebersohl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Huch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Agne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mathews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Niemietz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Reis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roessler	<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 J. Ronald Colyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administrator Al Hudzik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Terry Bruckert	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards**
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Al Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> City Treasurer Robert Naumann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Engineer Ronald 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey

**Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards arrived at 7:30 P.M.

II. APPOINT TEMPORARY MEETING CHAIRMAN

A. MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Alderman Gene Ebersohl as Temporary Meeting Chairman due to the absence of Mayor Kevin Hutchinson.

Moved by: Agne

Second: Niemietz

Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0 with 1 abstention

III. DELEGATION / CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Proclamation

Ms. Liz Mudd of the Violence Protection Center presented a Proclamation to the City of Columbia as October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

B. Community Planning Month - Proclamation

A proclamation was presented designating October as Community Planning Month in Columbia in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

C. Walk & Roll to School Day - Proclamation

Proclaiming October 3rd to be "Walk and Roll to School Day" inviting community members to participate in activities recognizing the day.

D. Art on the Bluffs Art Walk - Carol Fetcho

Mrs. Carol Fetcho, representing the Art on the Bluffs Art Walk, appeared before the Council to thank the Aldermen, the Mayor and the Police Department for their cooperation and support.

IV. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, September 17, 2012

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 17, 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, September 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, September 17, 2012

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, September 17, 2012 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, September 17, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS

A. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - September 24 2012

Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken presented the September 24, 2012 Plan Commission Meeting Minutes to the City Council.

B. Community & Economic Development

1. Civic Progress Committee Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2012 were presented.

2. Columbia Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2012 were presented.

3. Marketing Columbia

Paul Ellis brought the Council up to date on meetings and efforts to market Monroe County and Columbia.

Mr. Ellis again indicated that for the next six weeks he would be involved in several meetings promoting business in Columbia, beginning with an ICCS Deal Making meeting in Chicago.

4. Columbia Heritage Center (Oak Street Building)

Mr. Ellis reported on the renovation of a room at the Oak Street Building for a Heritage and Preservation Committee area to preserve and maintain historical materials and artifacts.

5. Art Walk - Motion to Correct Procedural Error (Special Event)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Art on the Bluffs Art Walk which was already held on Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. with Main Street closed from the City Hall Municipal Building to Columbia Ace Hardware.

Moved by: Agne Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

6. Resolution to Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Dwayne Scheid, Independent Contractor, for Archaeological Research to Confirm and Document the Site of Historic Pigott's Fort Near Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 09-2012, A Resolution to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Dwayne Scheid, independent contractor, for archaeological research to confirm and document the site of historic Piggot's Fort near Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

C. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

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

2. Concurrence on Awarding Bid for Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road Improvement Project

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to award the bid for the Ghent Road/Quarry Road/Palmer Road Improvement Project to Keeley & Sons, Inc. who submitted the low bid.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 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 September 27, 2012; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is two hundred thirty thousand two hundred thirty-one dollars and sixty-five cents (\$230,231.65).

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through August 31, 2012 was presented to the City Council. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$5,347,295.81. The balance is \$149,980.54 higher than the \$5,197,315.27 balance of July 31, 2012.

The statement indicated that as of August 31, 2012, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (June, July and August) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$198,148.83 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through August 31, 2012 as presented.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

F. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

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

2. Resolution to Levy a Tax of .02% of the Value of the Taxable Property in the City of Columbia, Illinois, for Columbia Public Library Building and Equipment Purposes 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 Resolution No. 10-2012, A Resolution to levy a tax of .02% of the value of the taxable property in the City of Columbia, Illinois, for Columbia Public Library building and equipment purposes for the fiscal year of the City commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Moved by: Huch Second: Niemietz Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

G. Mayor

1. Approval of Veterans of Foreign Wars - Buddy Poppies Distribution Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to permit the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 and its Auxiliary to distribute Buddy Poppies in the City of Columbia on October 4th and 5th.

Moved by: Huch Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

2. Approval of Old Newsboys Day - Newspapers Distribution Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to permit the Old Newsboys Day to take place in Columbia on Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Moved by: Huch Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson will present his September 2012 monthly report at the next Council Meeting.

Accept Departments and Officers Reports

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Agne Second: Mathews Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alderman John W. Piazza's resignation letter was noted and presented to the Council by Mr. Hudzik.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 24, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Agne Second: Huch Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 abstention

B. Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 24, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities Committee Meeting held Monday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Niemietz Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 abstention

C. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - September 24, 2012

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 abstention

2. Executive Session Minutes - September 24, 2012

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2012 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0 with 1 abstention

IX. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - OCTOBER 8, 2012

Refuse Collection and Recycling - 7:00 P.M. Refuse and Recycling Contract
Presentation Discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M.

Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage and Public Utilities - 7:20 P.M. Main Street
Streetscape Project Discussion

Columbia Crossing Litigation Settlement Special Committee - 7:30 P.M.

Personnel 7:40 P.M. Executive Session: (i) Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Employee Wages update/discussion; (ii) Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s)

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion

Temporary Meeting Chairman Ebersohl informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Temporary Meeting Chairman to go into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining/Employee Wages Discussion.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 8:23 P.M.

Moved by: Reis Second: Roessler Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried 7 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Temporary Meeting Chairman Ebersohl were present.

XI. ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Temporary Meeting Chairman Ebersohl inquired if there was any business to be brought before the Council as a result of the Executive Session.

There was none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 1, 2012 at 8:25 P.M.

Moved by: Roessler Second: Reis Vote: Roll Call

Eberschla Yea Roessler Yea Reis Yea
Agne Yea Huch Yea
Niemietz Yea Mathews Yea

Motion Carried 7 To 0

J. Ronald Colyer
J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

Gene Ebersohl
TEMPORARY MEETING CHAIRMAN GENE EBERSOHL