

**MINUTES OF THE AMBULANCE, RADIO COMMUNICATION AND
DISPATCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Reis called the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:02 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Reis and Aldermen Niemietz and Mathews.

Absent: Alderman Huch.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson (arrived at 7:20 p.m.) and Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne and Roessler.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief of Police and EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: Columbia EMS employees including Kyle Smith, Gary Hutchinson, Kevin Mennel, Jared Huch and Shannon Bound.

Chairman Reis stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review (1) EMS Department Operations; and (2) any other items that may need to be considered.

II. EMS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION

After Chairman Reis opened the meeting, a moment of silence was observed in memory of the September 11, 2001, attacks and the men and women who lost their lives in that day's tragic incidents. Chairman Reis then informed the Committee/Council Members that he continues to review documentation to assist in determining how the city should proceed in the operation of its EMS Department. One needed document he mentioned is (the drafting of) a list of items the city would like the county EMS Department to address in trying to determine whether that department should be utilized to provide EMS services to the city – he indicated he plans to develop such a list and asked for input from the other Committee/Council Members. He also said he continues to receive and analyze data on the current operations of the EMS Department (he reviewed figures pertaining to the number of times both city ambulance crews had been called out during the same time period in 2011 and 2012 (YTD)), and has spoken to many Columbia residents to get their opinions on the department's operations and its funding. Police Chief and EMS Director Edwards then addressed the Committee/Council Members and stated that the city should look at all options in providing EMS services to its residents, but again expressed his

preference for the city to continue operating its own EMS Department. During the meeting, all in attendance (including members of the public) were given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and express their opinions, which included: (i) the need to continue providing Columbia's residents with the same level of service they have been receiving; (ii) a preference was expressed for the city to continue providing EMS services to its residents rather than possibly having Monroe County provide those services; (iii) continued work needs to be done to identify additional funding sources; and (iv) the need to develop a list of items to be addressed by the Monroe County EMS Department.

Chairman Reis said he would (a) continue to work on his analysis of the EMS Department and the development of a list of items for the county to address; (b) welcome any suggestions in addressing those issues; and (c) keep the Committee/Council Members informed of his efforts.

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz and seconded by Alderman Mathews to adjourn the Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch Committee Meeting held Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:23 p.m. Upon Roll Call Vote, Chairman Reis and Aldermen Niemietz and Mathews voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**



STEVEN REIS, Chairman

AMBULANCE, RADIO COMMUNICATION AND DISPATCH COMMITTEE

Minutes Taken by:


SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:24 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch (arrived at 8:03 p.m.), Mathews and Reis and Mayor Hutchinson.

Absent: Alderman Piazza.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Engineer Ron Williams (left meeting at 9:35 p.m.), City Attorney Terry Bruckert, City Labor Attorney Mark Weisman, Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing and discussing (1) Elected Officials (April 2013) Compensation; and (2) any other items to be considered.

II. ELECTED OFFICIALS (APRIL 2013) COMPENSATION DISCUSSION

City Administrator Al Hudzik reviewed a worksheet entitled "City of Columbia, Illinois – Worksheet of Elected Officials Compensation – Starting May 1, 2005" (which had previously been distributed to the Committee Members) – the worksheet showed the current annual salaries of (i) the Mayor to be \$21,633; (ii) the City Clerk to be \$17,134; (iii) the Treasurer to be \$11,272; and (iv) all aldermen to be \$5,400 (Note: it also showed increases in the annual salaries to be paid to the aldermen elected in 2011 (pursuant to Ordinance No. 2805) as follows: May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 -- \$5,616; and May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 -- \$5,841). City Officials to be elected in April, 2013 consist of the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer and four (4) aldermen, and their compensation needs to be set by an ordinance approved at least 180 days before they take office. A brief discussion was held in which a general consensus was reached that the salaries of the Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer should be frozen (at their current levels) for their next four (4) year terms, and that the aldermanic salaries (for those elected in April, 2013) should be increased to be consistent with the salaries paid to the aldermen elected in April, 2011 for the city's fiscal years from May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 (i.e., \$5,616/yr.)

and from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 (i.e., \$5,841/yr.), but that they should be frozen for the final two (2) years of said aldermanic terms (i.e., at \$5,841/yr.)

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Mathews to recommend to the City Council that the compensation to be paid to city officials elected at the April, 2013 municipal election be set as follows: (i) Mayor – a salary of \$21,633/yr. for all four (4) years; (ii) City Clerk – a salary of \$17,134/yr. for all four (4) years; (iii) City Treasurer – a salary of \$11,272/yr. for all four (4) years; and (iv) each alderman – fiscal year May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014 -- \$5,616/yr.; and in each of the fiscal years beginning May 1, 2014, 15 and 16 and ending April 30, 2015, 16 and 17 -- \$5,841/yr. Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Mathews and Reis voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ebersohl entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to (i) receive an update on litigation currently pending against the city; (ii) discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (iii) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the city.

MOTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Agne to go into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to (1) receive an update on litigation currently pending against the city; (2) discuss collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages; and (3) discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the city. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION – REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Roessler to return to the Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:49 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Upon return to Regular Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Mayor Hutchinson and the following Committee Members were present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis.

Chairman Ebersohl asked if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – there was none.

IV. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Reis and seconded by Alderman Roessler to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, September 10, 2012 at 9:49 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes taken by:

Sandra Garmer

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ebersohl called the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois to order at 9:50 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz and Roessler.

Absent: None

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Mayor Hutchinson and Aldermen Huch, Mathews and Reis.

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Al Hudzik, City Attorney Terry Bruckert, Chief of Police & EMS Director Joe Edwards and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Guests Present: None.

Chairman Ebersohl stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) Committee Assignments; and (2) any other items to be considered.

II. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS DISCUSSION

Due to Alderman Piazza's stated resignation since he has moved out of the city (due to employment reasons), a discussion was held on revising the City Council Committees (to replace the committee assignments of Alderman Piazza). A consensus was reached by the Committee/Council Members that the City Council Committees would be revised by removing Alderman Piazza from the following committees, and replacing his spot (on those committees) as detailed below:

- (1) Finance, Claims, Bonds and Interest – Alderman Reis;
- (2) License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts – Alderman Huch;
- (3) Municipal Buildings, Property and Capital Improvements – Alderman Roessler (Chairman);
- (4) Public Library – Alderman Niemietz;
- (5) Water and Sewer – Alderman Ebersohl (Chairman); and
- (6) Education – Alderman Roessler

III. OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DISCUSSED

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler and seconded by Alderman Niemietz to adjourn the Executive and Rules Committee Meeting held Monday, September 10, 2012 at 9:54 p.m. Upon Roll Call vote, Chairman Ebersohl and Aldermen Agne, Niemietz and Roessler voted yea. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gene Ebersohl

GENE EBERSOHL, Chairman
EXECUTIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

Minutes taken by:

Sandra Farmer

SANDRA GARMER, Accounting/Clerical Assistant