

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson 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>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			

Quorum Present.

Those in attendance were led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance by Honorary Mayors for the Day, Carson and Austin Mahon.

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 Timothy Palen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Ambulance Director Joe Edwards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector Alan 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 type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Paul Khoury

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. Mayor for the Day - Carson & Austin Mahon

Mayor Hutchinson introduced and presented a certificate to Austin and Carson Mahon recognizing them as Honorary Mayors for the Day on March 18, 2013.

B. Columbia High School Cheerleaders

Mayor Hutchinson presented certificates of achievement to Coach Robbie Walters and members of the Columbia High School Cheerleading Squad for their 2013 IHSA Sectional & State Championships and the ICCA (Medium Division) Championship Titles.

The Mayor praised the outstanding dedication, commitment and exceptional representation of Columbia.

C. AT&T Investing in Illinois Award

Jim Mauer, Vice-President from Illinois AT&T presented the Mayor and Council with the Company's Investing in Illinois Award as a result of various projects completed by the City. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Hutchinson accepted a plaque and a check for \$5,000 from Mr. Mauer on behalf of AT&T.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, March 4, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 4, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 4, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by:	Agne	Second:	Huch	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 of Monday, March 4, 2013

The Executive Session minutes of the City Council held Monday, March 4, 2013 were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Monday, March 4, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. Library - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly Library Report was presented to the City Council by Head Librarian, Britta Krabill.

B. Police Department & Communications - Monthly Reports

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The Police Department and Communications monthly reports were presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

C. EMS Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the EMS Department was presented to the City Council by Chief of Police and Ambulance Director Joe Edwards.

D. Building Department - Monthly Report

1. Monthly Report

The monthly report of the Building Department was presented to the City Council by Building Inspector Alan Holden.

E. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2013

Plan Commissioner Paul Khoury presented the March 11, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

F. Community & Economic Development Director

The Community & Economic Development Report was presented by Director Paul Ellis. The report included:

1. Civic Progress Committee Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2013
2. Special Event Permit: Race for the Spotlight 5K (Actors' Attic)

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the Race for the Spotlight 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Actors' Attic/Columbia Theatre Project to be held on April 13 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Bolm-Schuhkraft City Park.

Moved by: Reis                      Second: Niemietz                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

3. Special Event Permit: ICS 5K Fun Run

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the ICS 5K Fun Run sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Church to be held on October 19 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Moved by: Huch                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

4. Resolution Adopting the "Explore Columbia" Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and Incorporating Said Plan as an Appendix to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 20-2012, A Resolution adopting the "Explore Columbia" Comprehensive Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and incorporating said plan as an appendix to the 20/20 Master Plan of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Moved by: Niemietz                      Second: Ebersohl                      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

5. Resolution to Authorize the Release of the Promissory Note and Other Instruments Securing a Loan Agreement Between Joe's Towing, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Company, as Borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as Lender

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 21-2012, A Resolution to authorize the release of the promissory note and other instruments securing a loan agreement between Joe's Towing, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, as borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as lender.

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

6. Resolution to Authorize the Release of Mortgage, Promissory Note and Other Instruments Securing a Loan Agreement Between Our House Coffee & Crafts, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Company, as Borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as Lender

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 22-2012, A Resolution to authorize the release of mortgage, promissory note and other instruments securing a loan agreement between Our House Coffee & Crafts, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, as borrower, and the City of Columbia, Illinois as lender.

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

7. Approve façade grant for Our House Cafe

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the façade grant for Our House Café located at 125 N. Rapp Avenue in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Moved by: Reis            Second: Agne            Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried    7 To 0

8. An Ordinance to Authorize a Retailer's Occupational Tax Rebate Financing Agreement Between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Bob Brockland Buick GMC and Approve the Form of the Agreement

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3007, An Ordinance to authorize a Retailer's Occupational Tax Rebate Financing Agreement between the City of Columbia, Illinois and Bob Brockland Buick GMC and approve the form of the agreement.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      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.    City Engineer

1.    Engineer's Report

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

His report included:

2.    Bids for 2013 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project

Only one bid was accepted and no action was taken on the item.

3.    Hiring of Summer Help Employees for Department of Public Works

Nicholas Sondag

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Nicholas Sondag of Columbia for one of the DOPW summer help positions contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as a state and federal background check.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Huch                              Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried        7 To 0

Amber (Beth) Chartrand

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Amber (Beth) Chartrand of Dupo for one of the DOPW summer help positions contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as a state and federal background check.

Moved by: Huch                              Second: Ebersohl                              Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried        7 To 0

Garrison Shields

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the hiring of Garrison Shields of Waterloo for one of the DOPW summer help positions contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment physical, as well as a state and federal background check.

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

4. During his report Mr. Williams updated the Council on the bid process for Radar Speed Signs, the latest information on the Landfill Supplemental Permit, the Valmeyer Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project and the status of the Palmer/Ghent/Old Route 3 Improvement Project.

H. City Attorney

1. No Report.

I. Finance Department

1. Vouchers to Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through March 14, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is four hundred three thousand eighty-one dollars and sixteen cents (\$403,081.16).

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

2. Statement of Funds

The City's Statement of Funds through February 28, 2013 was presented to the City Council by Accounting Manager Linda Sharp. The statement indicated a cash and investment balance of \$6,729,621.69. The balance is \$44,801.00 lower than the \$6,774,422.69 balance of January 31, 2013.

The statement indicated that as of February 28, 2013, the State of Illinois is three (3) months (December, January and February) behind in the payment of collected income tax receipts, totaling \$220,429.29 due to the City of Columbia.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Funds through February 28, 2013 as presented.

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

J. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

None.

K. Mayor

1. Monthly Report

None.

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:	Roessler	Vote:	Roll Call
Ebersohl	Yea	Roessler	Yea	Reis	Yea
Agne	Yea	Huch	Yea		
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Yea		

Motion Carried 7 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Niemietz raised concerns she has received from constituents regarding the City's Tree Trimming process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Regular Session Minutes - March 11, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2013 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, March 11, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - March 11, 2013

The Executive Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2013 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, March 11, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

B. Ordinance, Planning and Zoning

1. Regular Session Minutes - February 25, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, February 25, 2013 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 25, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 7 to 0

2. Regular Session Minutes - March 11, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Ordinance, Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2013 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, March 11, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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



Niemietz      Yea                  Mathews      Yea

Motion Carried      7 to 0

VIII.      CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 25, 2013

Ambulance, Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:00 P.M.

Ordinance, Planning and Zoning - 7:10 P.M. - Dumpsters on Private Property discussion

License, Insurance Claims, CEMA and Contracts - 7:20 P.M. - IT Support Services contract discussion

Committee of the Whole - 7:30 P.M. - Budgetary and financial information presentation and discussion

Personnel - 7:40 P.M. - Executive Session: Wages & Benefits discussion for one or more classes of employees

IX.      EXECUTIVE SESSION

A.      None.

X.      ACTION(S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No Executive Session held.

XI.      ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, March 18, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.

Moved by:      Agne                  Second: Reis                  Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      7 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON