

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

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**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 type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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>Reis</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Roessler</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<b>Holtkamp</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police & Amb. Director Joe Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/> Interim Building Inspector Justin Osterhage	<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"/> Asst. City Engineer Tim Ahrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Paul
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Manager Linda Sharp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Librarian Britta Krabill	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor Attorney Mark Weisman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound

**II. DELEGATION / CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

A. None.

**III. READ AND APPROVE MINUTES**

A. Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, August 19, 2013

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 19, 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, August 19, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

Moved by: Roessler      Second: Niemietz      Vote: Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 To 0

B. Executive Session Meeting - Monday, August 19, 2013

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting held Monday, August 19, 2013 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, August 19, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

**IV. REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS/OFFICERS**

A. EMS Department

1. Recommendation on the Hiring of a Temporary Full-Time Paramedic and Council Action Thereon

See page 8, Item X-A, Action(s) Resulting from Executive Session, Approval of any actions resulting from this council meeting's Executive Session.

B. Plan Commission Meeting Minutes - August 26, 2013

Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf presented the August 26, 2013 Plan Commission meeting minutes to the City Council.

C. Community & Economic Development

1. Monthly Report

Mr. Paul Ellis presented the Community & Economic Development report to the City Council.

His report included the Heritage & Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2013 and the Monroe County Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes of June 12 and July 10, 2013.

The Play Commission Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2013 were also presented (those minutes were previously presented at the August 5, 2013 City Council Meeting.)

Mr. Ellis also reported:

2. Marketing Columbia: Increasing Visits to the Monroe County Welcome Center—Mr. Ellis indicated that a minimum of 278 visitors came to the Welcome Center in August and also toured Rock City near Valmeyer.
3. Touched on amending the scope & costs for Comprehensive Plan revisions and indicated that he will share ideas at the next meeting.
4. Statewide Recognition: Mr. Ellis announced that Columbia has been included in receipt of the prestigious Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards. The award recognizes exceptional activities in Historic Preservation.

5. Resolution to Authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to Execute an Agreement with the HeartLands Conservancy of Mascoutah, Illinois to Provide Additional Professional Services for Development of the Community Preservation Plan

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Resolution No. 08-2013, a Resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the HeartLands Conservancy of Mascoutah, Illinois to provide additional professional services for development of the Community Preservation Plan.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

D. City Engineer

1. Engineer's Report

City Engineer Ron Williams presented his report to the City Council. Having been out of the office on August 26-28, Mr. Williams verbally updated the on going and upcoming projects in the City. His updates included the Cherry Street Project, the Valmeyer Road Bridge Project and the Valmeyer Road closing beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Main Street Enhancement Streetscape Project, and the Waste Water and Storm Water Discharge Projects.

2. An Ordinance Amending Section 10.44.010 (Prohibited Parking on Certain Public Streets) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois by Adding Along the East Side of Legion Avenue from Leo Street to Fifty (50) Feet South of Main Street and Along the West Side of Kunz Street from Main Street to St. Paul Street and Bottom Avenue to Legion Avenue.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3057, an Ordinance amending Section 10.44.010 (Prohibited Parking on Certain Public Streets) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Illinois by adding along the east side of Legion Avenue from Leo Street to fifty (50) feet south of Main Street and along the west side of Kunz Street from Main Street to St. Paul Street and Bottom Avenue to Legion Avenue.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

E. City Attorney

1. City Attorney Terry Bruckert will have an item for Executive Session.

F. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the payment of vouchers received through August 29, 2013; the total amount of the vouchers to be paid is one hundred sixty-four thousand eight hundred fifty-five dollars and twenty-one cents (\$164,855.21).

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

G. Administration Department

1. Administrator's Report

A. City Administrator Al Hudzik pointed out that the City has received the first payment of the Monroe County Real Estate taxes.

H. Mayor

1. Approval of Old Newsboys Day - Newspapers Distribution Request

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to approve Old Newsboys Day, Newspapers Distribution Request in Columbia on Thursday, November 21st from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchinson presented the Mayor's Report for August 2013 to the City Council.

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	Absent	Holtkamp	Yea
Niemietz	Yea	Mathews	Absent		

Motion Carried 6 To 0

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Recommend to the City Council that the city take part in the Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois' 2014 "Homes on Parade" event by offering building permit discounts of \$500/house to event participants, and subject to the following restrictions (i) no more than five (5) discounted building permits for the event; and (ii) no more than two (2) discounted permits to the same participant; and (iii) each participating house must contain a minimum of 1,800 sq. ft. of living space; and (iv) each participating house must be built prior to the event, not be pre-sold, and be open and "For Sale" during the event.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the city take part in the Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois' 2014 "Homes on Parade" event by offering building permit discounts of \$500/house to event participants, and subject to the following restrictions (i) no more than five (5) discounted building permits for the event; and (ii) no more than two (2) discounted permits to the same participant; and (iii) each participating house must contain a minimum of 1,800 sq. ft. of living space; and (iv) each participating house must be built prior to the event, not be pre-sold, and be open and "For Sale" during the event.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Niemietz                      Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 to 0

2. Recommend to the City Council that the City Attorney be authorized to take the necessary actions, including the filing of litigation, to address the issue discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the City Attorney be authorized to take the necessary actions, including the filing of litigation, to address the issue discussed in Executive Session.

Moved by: Ebersohl                      Second: Roessler                      Roll Call

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

Motion Carried      6 to 0

3. Regular Session Minutes - August 26, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, August 26, 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, August 26, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

4. Executive Session Minutes - August 26, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting held Monday, August 26, 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, August 26, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

B. Personnel

1. Regular Session Minutes - August 26, 2013

The Regular Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 26, 2013 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, August 26, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

2. Executive Session Minutes - August 26, 2013

The Executive Session Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held Monday, August 26, 2013 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, August 26, 2013 as on file at City Hall.

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

Motion Carried 6 to 0

**VIII. CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Ambulance Radio Communication and Dispatch - 7:00 P.M. (1) Update on Medicare/Medicaid Regulations; and (2) Update on EMS Receipts/Collections Process

Committee of the Whole - 7:10 P.M. (1) Comprehensive Plan Revision - Scope and Costs Discussion; (2) Police Department Concrete Pad/Update Discussion; (3) U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Task Force Participation Discussion; and (4) Executive Session - Discussion of Probable Litigation

Personnel - 7:20 P.M. Executive Session - Building Inspector's Position Recommendation; and Update/discussion on collective bargaining negotiations and employee wages

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss (i) probable litigation; and (ii) employment of a specific employee.

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss probable litigation and the employment of a specific employee.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:50 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis, Holtkamp 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

MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to authorize the hiring of current EMS Paid Volunteer Anthony (A.J.) Nichols, EMT-P, as a Temporary Full-Time paramedic at the Columbia Emergency Medical Services Department at the recommendation of Police Chief & EMS Director Joe Edwards and Interim EMS Chief Shannon Bound and in consultation with Labor Attorney Mark Weisman.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

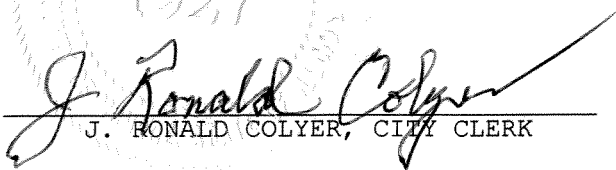
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

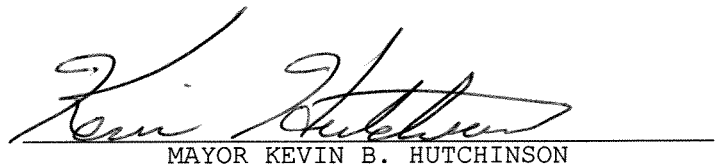
MOTION:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:52 P.M.

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

Motion Carried 6 To 0

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON