

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Council President Roelke, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Motiff, Reid, Roelke; Staff: Swartz, Goebel, Atty Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Gahlman, Meyers, Hazeltine. Steiner arrived at 6:52 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to approve agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:**  
Randy Koehn, former Fire Chief, talked about the old Countryside Ford property.  
Assemblyman William Penterman briefly outlined the state budget and discussed shared revenues, the presented a Wisconsin flag to Mayor Hammer & Council President Roelke; a flag that was flown over the State Capital.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to approve the consent agenda with the change to the minutes of August 8 – stating Steiner was present when he was excused. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 8/3/23, 8/8/23, Approve Operator Licenses for 2023-2025 Licensing Period: Joseph Hamann, Sara Hanna, Street Closing Request – Columbus School District, Color Run

**New Business**

1. **Reconsider chicken permit – 443 W Prairie St:** applicant withdrew the request.
2. **Consider & take action on Resolution #7-23 "A Resolution Amending Final Resolution Authorizing Public Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefitted Properties"** : Motion by Finkler, second by Motiff to approve Resolution #7-23. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on Planning/Zoning Interim Services – VandeWalle & Associates:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to approve the agreement with VandeWalle & Associates. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on updated alcohol license application – Cardinal Lanes:** Motion by Finkler, second by Motiff to approve the updated alcohol license application. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on CHLPC Facebook page request :** Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to have CHLPC work with David Bennett on a facebook page. Discussion. Motion by Finkler, second by Gray to have CHLPC work with City staff to create and maintain a facebook page. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on Fire Dept pickup truck:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve the quote from Belco and to add that amount into the 2024 budget. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider & take action on Code of Conduct update:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve revising Section 4H to remove "providing a hyperlink to the City website" and add "views & opinions are given". Carried voice vote.
8. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 336,387.71:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve claims. Roll call vote unanimous.
9. **Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** working on the garbage contract, hope to have that ready in September; budget work has started, hope to have it completed for Lisa, have been providing documents to her; working on the wage study. **Mayor :** attending the League of WI Municipalities Chief Executive workshop this week; Thank you to the employees working in the heat.

10. **Convene into Closed Session per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to discuss the sale of city owned land at 1149 W. James Street, Columbus, WI 53925:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to convene to closed session at 7:03 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
11. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Motion by Motiff, second by Finkler to reconvene to open session at 7:27 pm. Carried voice vote.
12. **Consider and Possible Action on request to extend terms of offer to purchase for 1149 W. James Street:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to extend the terms of the offer to purchase for 1149 W James Street to October 1. Roll call vote 3-3 with Roelke, Finkler, Reid voting NO and Steiner, Gray, Motiff voting YES. Mayor Hammer broke the tie with No vote. Motion failed 3-4.
13. **Adjourn :** Motion by Finkler, second by Reid to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk