

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011  
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER / CITY HALL**

**OFFICER PRESENT:** WILSON  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** HUSTON, PRIOR, KAALBERG, RODRIGUEZ  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** DUNCAN

***PRIOR TO THE MEETING MAYOR WILSON SWORE IN NEW COUNCIL PERSON  
RODRIGUEZ***

***Mayor Wilson recognized several volunteers that have been helping Jesus Lizarraga with painting the crosswalks around town for the Keep Columbus Beautiful program. The following volunteers were given a KCB shirt; Abbey Acosta, Dylan Perez, Jessica Martinez, Katherine Seitz, Alexandra Valenzuela and Megan Leyden.***

***Jesus was then commended by the Mayor for his work as an intern in the Development Center this summer and the many projects he headed up. His dedication is greatly appreciated by the City.***

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Previous minutes, claims and liquor license renewal request from Rey De Reyes.

Motion by Kaalberg, second by Prior to approved consent agenda. Huston – yes, Prior yes, Kaalberg – yes, Rodriguez – yes. (Duncan absent) Approved.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS – None**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING – 68.01 ONE-WAY TRAFFIC REQUIRED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

– This amendment is to allow two-way traffic coming off of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Roundy Way, making access to the American Legion building easier. Traffic will still be one-way on North Main Street.

Motion by Kaalberg to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of amendment. Roll call vote. Huston – yes, Prior – yes, Kaalberg – yes, Rodriguez – yes. (Duncan absent) Approved.

**RESOLUTION #081011 – REAP GRANT FOR FUNDING A PARK ON WEST SIDE OF TOWN** – Mallory is in the process of applying for a REAP Grant for funding the purchase of land along Monkey Run Creek. The property is owned by private individuals and would someday be turned into park areas.

Motion to approve resolution by Prior, second by Kaalberg. Roll call vote. Huston – yes, Prior – yes, Kaalberg – yes, Rodriguez – yes. (Duncan absent) Approved.

**PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES – KEISLING ASSOCIATES TELECOMMUNICATION**

**SERVICES** – City officials have been approached by Randy Foor of Louisa Communications in Morning Sun to bring telephone, high speed internet and cable tv services to Columbus Junction.

Keisling Associates proposed a two-phase process. Phase one is to complete a financial proforma analysis reflecting the start up cost and a projection of operations for a period of 5 years at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The second phase would be an engineering analysis performed by Huntel Engineering to include cost of network facilities required to provide telecommunications services in the community. This phase estimate not to exceed \$5,000.00.

These studies are necessary to determine what investment and operations are needed to allow the City of Columbus Junction to move forward with the actual implementation of establishing a telecommunications company.

Motion by Kaalberg to approve the proposal by Keisling Associates, LLP, second by Huston. Huston – yes, Prior – yes, Kaalberg – yes, Rodriguez – yes. (Duncan absent) Approved.

Mayor Wilson will contact Keisling Associates to begin the study.

**UPDATE FROM FRENCH RENEKER ASSOCIATES ON CITY PROJECTS** – John Meyer, engineer with French Reneker informed the council that he and other members of his staff met on Monday with Jeff and Fred and the council committee on some of the specifics of the projects.

Project #1 – Levee system – design of this project is nearly 70% complete. Evaluations have been completed and hope is to be under construction by spring of 2012.

Project #2 – Water Plant Project – Plans for this project are about 60% complete. Continue to work with the IDNR water engineer on obtaining proper permits.

There are three different areas to this project, which are:

1. New Water Plant
2. New well and improvement to existing wells
3. Water Mains

Council needs to decide tonight on moving forward with a test well. Initial test will cost up to \$8,000.00 with the development of this well estimated to cost up to \$25,000.00, these costs will not be covered by Grant money.

Meyer promised to keep the council better informed on the projects progress. After discussion by the council, it was decided to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. for these updates.

**TEST WELL APPROVAL** – Motion by Kaalberg, second by Huston to proceed with the test well. Huston – yes, Prior – yes, Kaalberg – yes, Rodriguez – yes. (Duncan absent) Approved

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Utilities** – none

**Streets & sidewalks** – Report from Mallory and Harold at the next meeting.

**Public Safety** – none

**Finance** – none

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Meeting cancelled on Monday because SEIRPC would like to do zoning changes with Comp Plan update. They will be at the next meeting to give a report. Planning & Zoning members will be requested to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

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**Mayor**

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**Attest: City Clerk**