

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

COUNCIL PRESENT: HUSTON, PRIOR, KAALBERG, DUNCAN, PIERCE

OTHERS PRESENT: CDC OFFICE - NITZA CASTILLO & MALLORY SMITH, SEIRPC - ZACH JAMES, JEFF HANON, TIM WINK - CITY ATTORNEY, LINDA PIERCE, SHARON BEARD, GARY TODD, KEVIN VAN HEIDEN, BILL JUHL, PAUL DUNCAN - PLANNING & ZONING, LISA HILLS, MARK SHEAR - CITY OF COLUMBUS CITY, JEFF CAREY, PUBLIC WORKS CITY OF COLUMBUS JUNCTION

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims. Request for liquor license renewal from New York Dollar Store & Auto Parts Store removed due to business being closed.

Motion by Prior to approve consent agenda, second by Pierce. Huston - yes, Prior - yes, Kaalberg - yes, Duncan - yes, Pierce - yes. Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS - Keith Milder reported he had water in his basement last night, didn't appear to be much of a sewer back up as in the past, but wanted the council to be aware of it. A couple of other residents had called him with water back up also.

EASEMENT REQUEST - LOUISA COMMUNICATION - STEVE SENTS - Louisa Communication requesting to install a connection from the terminal point of its service line to a tower for the purpose of providing additional service to this community. Process will require resolution & public hearing.

Motion to propose resolution re: Easement to Louisa Communications, L.C. by Huston, second by Kaalberg. Huston - yes, Prior - yes, Kaalberg - yes, Duncan - yes, Pierce - yes. Approved.

City Attorney recommends Jeff and Fred review easement for future work.

ZONING WORKSHOP - Several areas of zoning issues were discussed by the group in attendance. A main concern of the group was the number of areas in Columbus Junction zoned R-2 and the number of single family residences renting out rooms or remodeling into apartments.

Jeff Hanan recommended that the city adopt a new ordinance revising and defining the definition of a family along with identifying multi-housing units in the community and creating a new zoning map for Columbus Junction. The City would then have more control of other issues such as parking, rental and building codes and enforcing them.

Mayor Wilson ask the Planning & Zoning to work with SEIRPC representatives and City Employees on looking at options for the City and to meet again next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities – none

Streets & sidewalks – none

Public Safety – none

Finance – none

MAYOR'S REPORT – None

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk