

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims. Motion to approve consent agenda by
Huston, second by Duncan. Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS – None

PARK BOARD REPORT – Jim Gabriel reported on meeting held on Monday of the Park Board. Pros & cons along with recommendations were discussed at the meeting.

Steve Tomfeld has been working at the park, staining and sealing the cabin. Posts have been pulled from the driveway. Steve is starting to clear some of the dead trees from the area.

Other park areas including Swinging Bridge and FEMA lots are being looked at for improvements and uses.

FRENCH RENEKER – BOUNDARY SURVEY PROPOSAL – French Reneker Assoc. proposed to survey the property where new water treatment plant is to be built. For a lump sum of \$2700.00 they will do field survey and office work, set property pins, prepare plat and legal description of property.

Motion to approve Boundary Survey proposal for \$2700.00 by Kaalberg, second by Prior. Approved.

LEVEE PROJECTS

~**Rural Development Grants** – Steve Kinamon, Mt. Pleasant office contacted City about funds possibly available for levee project. City will need to complete an application. Mallory is working on this.

~**I-Jobs Grants** – New round of funding has been made available. Tracey Lamm of SEIRP will attend a kick-off meeting representing the Columbus Junction.

Prior made a motion for the City of Columbus Junction to move forward on the Rural Development Grant and the I-Jobs Grant and any other funding available for the levee project, second by Pierce. Approved.

NEW YORK DOLLAR STORE/AUTO PARTS –NEW LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – Item tabled until more information on specifics of the business can be obtained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities – Fairground has issues with culvert, Jay Kemp dug out river side of it to find the bottom had rusted out. Sandbags were placed at the end to help stop water from coming back thru on the ground side. An email was sent to the Dept. of Trans. to help determine whose tube it really is.

Streets & sidewalks – None

Public Safety – New officer Brett Michels was sworn in by Mayor on Monday.

Finance – None

Community Development Group Report

**SRI Grant – Nitza and Mallory attending regional training in Mt. Pleasant. Nitza working with Cathy Crawford, Librarian to bring ICAP to Columbus Junction, Iowa Career Access Point is an Iowa Workforce Development program developed to provide services in areas without IWD offices.*

**Farmers Market – going strong. CFCL grant money has been passed out to Louisa Co. vendors for signage and other marketing. First wine tasting went well, face book has 40 friends. United Fund distributions will take place this Friday.*

**Keep Columbus Beautiful – Mallory will meet with SEIRPC, July 8th, to begin preparing a REAP grant to help fund park and trail development.*

**Flier en Espanol – Jorge Malagon, CHS Spanish teacher and his students have prepared a City Brochure in Spanish.*

**Tourism Advertising – Community Foundation of Louisa County grant money being used to advertise in the Cedar Rapids Gazette.*

**La Hacienda/Columbus City Market – Working with Mel Martinez on a business plan for the market in Columbus City.*

**Fulton Crt. Apartments – Met with Jose Maldragan and Hal Prior on improvement ideas for the apartments.*

**Business Accounting – Collaborating with Small Business Development Center, Extension & LIFE Micro lending to offer a Quick Books course starting June 30th for 5 weeks.*

**Open House CHC/SEIA – Have helped with planning the Open House for this Friday.*

**Burmese Community – Meeting with other agencies and offices involved with these new residents, Dave and Zona from Tyson in attendance. MCC will be starting a new ESL class for the Burmese in the near future.*

**90/90/90 Schools and Communities – The school district is adopting practices identified as successful in districts that are 90% poverty, 90% minority and 90% proficient at standardized tests.*

MAYOR’S REPORT – None

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk