

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010
CIVIC CENTER / CITY HALL 5:30 P.M.**

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

COUNCIL PRESENT: HUSTON, PRIOR, KAALBERG, DUNCAN

COUNCIL ABSENT: PIERCE

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes, claims and liquor license renewal request by Casey's General Store.

Move to approve consent agenda by Huston, second by Kaalberg.
Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS – None

JOHN CARPENTER – INFO ON UTILITIES – John Carpenter would like to form a committee to look into bringing fiber optic cable lines to Columbus Junction for telephone, cable and internet services. Federal stimulus funds would be needed to help fund the estimated 2.5 million dollar price to bring these utilities to Columbus Junction.

Carpenter will contact SEIRP for help with applying for the stimulus funds. Kaalberg is willing to serve on the committee as council representative.

Motion by Prior for John Carpenter to proceed looking into applying for stimulus funds and the entire project, second by Huston. Approved.

APPOINT OFFICIAL BANKS – CJSB & COMMUNITY BANK –

Motion by Kaalberg and second by Duncan to appoint Columbus Junction State Bank and Community Bank as the City's official banks.
Approved.

APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Motion to appoint the Columbus Gazette as the city's official newspaper by Kaalberg, second by Prior.
Approved.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS – Several of the City's boards have vacancies and member's terms have expired.

Mayor Wilson asked the council to help come up with individuals willing to serve on these Boards; he would like to make these appointments at the next meeting.

Mayor Wilson then recommended appointing Mark Huston as Mayor Pro-tem.

Move to approve appointment of Huston as Mayor Pro-tem by Kaalberg, second by Prior. Approved.

Council Committees will stay the same as in 2009, they are;

Utilities – Kaalberg, Duncan
Streets & sidewalks – Huston, Kaalberg
Public Safety – Duncan, Pierce
Finance – Prior, Huston
Economic Development – Pierce, Prior

Council representatives on boards are as follows;

Planning & Zoning – Kaalberg
Board of Adjustment – Huston
Library Board – Duncan
Community Development Board – Pierce
Park Board – Prior
Board member on Community Development Comm – Prior
Emergency Management – Kaalberg
Solid Waste Commission – Kaalberg
SEIRP Board – Huston

POLICE HIRING RECOMMENDATION – Duncan recommended hiring Joe Reid to fill Police Dept. vacancy with a salary of \$26,000.00 per year. Joe has been a member of the Police Reserves for several years .

Motion to approve recommendation from Duncan by Huston, second by Kaalberg. Approved.

Duncan then recommended promoting Officer Greg Torres to Asst. Police Chief with a stipend of \$500.00 per year.

Motion to approve promotion recommendation by Kaalberg, second by Prior. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities – None

Streets & Sidewalks – None

Public Safety – Chief Orr has developed a Policy and Procedure guide for his officers. Committee is currently reviewing this guide.

New squad should be in any time now.

Finance – Starting on the budget process.

Community Development Group Report – None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mike Bell will be at City Hall Tuesday, January 19th to give presentation on Hwy 92 corridor project.

Mayor Wilson then thanked everyone for all they have done in the past year. He stated that a lot of people stepped forward while others were dealing with some personal losses.

City continues to deal with flood issues, but getting closer to the end with that.

2010 Goals

~Relocating the Water Plant.

~Increasing our levees – Mayor Wilson continues to contact Government agencies looking for more funding.

~Continue working with KAB & KIB and the Community Development on the downtown sidewalks, entry ways, trails, and other visual enhancements for the City.

~Rental Property issues.

~Improvement in Parks & Recreational areas.

Council input is essential to all areas.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk