

**CITY OF COLUMBUS JUNCTION  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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, claims and wine license renewal for Plants & Things.  
Move to approve consent agenda by Huston, second by Kaalberg.  
Approved.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS** – None

**NGPL – WATER TESTING SERVICE PROPOSAL** – Chris Finnell, Operations Supervisor with NGPL made a request for service from the City Water Dept. to oversee water system testing and reporting as required by IDNR at the Columbus Junction location. NGPL will provide all equipment and testing supplies.

Motion by Kaalberg to set a one year contract to provide service requested for \$400.00 per month subject to City Attorney reviewing contract and insurance, second by Huston.       Approved.

*City will need to bill monthly.*

**FACTS & FIGURES – HOMELESSNESS PRESENTATION – KARA**

**O'DONNELL** – Liaison for the homeless for the Columbus School District presented a power point on Students in Transition. O'Donnell stated that community involvement is crucial to solving the problem. Currently there are 43 students identified, the list includes a variety of living arrangements including sharing a household with or without relatives, living in motels, emergency shelters, substandard housing or other temporary sites.

Mayor Wilson stated the city is currently working with SEIRP to develop more comprehensive rental property ordinances.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING – WATER RATES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** – Move to approve second reading by Huston, second by Kaalberg.   Roll call vote.       5-yes

Third and final reading will be on the next agenda.

**STARKWEATHER PROPERTY PURCHASE** – Property which is approximately 6 acres lies east of the Columbus Motel is needed for future levee expansion. Property owners are willing to sell, but would like to be able to continue use of the pond and recreational area.

Motion to purchase property from Adam & Shirley Starkweather at a cost of \$4500.00 by Kaalberg, second by Pierce. Approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Utilities** – Mayor Wilson reported that Columbus Junction has officially been awarded a \$2.9 million grant to relocate the water plant from the Economic Development Administration. This money along with the \$920,000 from CDBG grant awarded earlier will cover the estimated \$3.87 million project.

Last of the new blowers was installed at the lagoon today.

**Streets & Sidewalks** – Need to start advertising for summer sidewalk program.

**Public Safety** – Tube under levy was dug up recently, bottom part was missing. Fred & Jeff put a patch on it for now, will need permanent fix in the near future.

Water levels are currently down.

Waiting for info on Rental Code issues from SEIRP.

Prior will be doing an interview on Friday with a person from Cedar Rapids about “after the flood” issues.

Motel remodeling coming along.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Wilson going to Des Moines on Friday to receive an award for Community Service & Volunteer Service from Keep Iowa Beautiful Organization.

***Meeting adjourned by Mayor.***

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**Mayor**

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**Attest: City Clerk**