

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2016
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

COUNCIL PRESENT: HUSTON, PRIOR, KAALBERG, PAYNE, WINK

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims. Renewal request for the Hacienda Jalisco was pulled from agenda, owner not renewing license at this time.

Motion by Kaalberg to approve consent agenda, second by Prior. Huston –yes, Prior –yes, Kaalberg –yes, Payne –yes, Wink –yes Approved.

CITIZEN'S CONCERN – None

LOUISA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-PAULA BUCKMAN-Talked to the council about the declining population in the county and how it's affecting our school enrollments and property tax base. Buckman did mention that Columbus Junction was in a better position than other communities in the County, sighting plans to develop the subdivision, New Heritage Phase II, along with developing the City's housing and rental codes are some of the reasons for that.

Buckman feels the City need to participate more with other groups, and attend some of the functions geared toward implementing growth.

Mayor Wilson pointed out to Buckman that Columbus Junction is the only community with a Community Development Center, with Mallory Smith as Director. Many of the projects Buckman suggested need to be implemented for growth are already in place due to Smith and her work for Columbus Junction.

Buckman also mentioned she felt the Hometown Pride program was lacking members/volunteers in Columbus Junction, again Wilson stated that a lot of the same programs have already been started or completed out of our Community Development Office, but that Columbus Junction would continue to support the Hometown Pride program financially with Roundy Funds.

Buckman then informed the council on the Foundation's new affiliation with Muscatine and the reason being the former management and return on investment has been poor, there is hope that the closeness and enthusiasm of the board will help with growth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities-None

Streets & Sidewalks-Mayor Wilson reported that Todd & Steve have been putting up more new street signs on the North side of town.

Public Safety-None

Finance-None

Community Development Center-Andy Wink, Council Rep for Community Development reported on two meetings held on Tuesday. The first was about an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program Mallory is working on, the second was regarding the New Heritage Subdivision Phase II project. Wink stated the contractor plans to start work late next spring on the street.

MAYOR'S REPORT- None

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk