

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL**

OFFICER PRESENT: HUSTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM

COUNCIL PRESENT: PRIOR, PAYNE, WINK

OFFICER ABSENT: WILSON

COUNCIL ABSENT: KAALBERG

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-tem.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes, claims and liquor license renewal request from New York Dollar Store.

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

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS- None

BUDGET DISCUSSION- Budget information was mailed out to the Council. Valuations are higher this year, proposed tax rate for Columbus Junction is \$11.77 which is down from last year's rate of \$11.81. Proposal calls for an expenditure of \$30,000.00 to replace Impala squad, Road Use Tax has an expenditure of \$85,000.00 for the City's 20% match to the Federal grant received by the City to replace the Locust Street Bridge. Budget also reflects a 2.5% increase to all employee salaries.

Public Hearing for the proposed FY18 budget will be held, March 8th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT-Mandy Grimm, library director and Larry Prior, chairman of the library board, recommended Jill Cecil to replace Diane Olson who resigned early from the Board.

Motion to accept recommendation of Jill Cecil to library board effective immediately by Prior, second Payne. Huston-yes, Prior-yes, Payne-yes, Wink-yes. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities-None

Streets & Sidewalks-None

Public Safety-None

Finance-None

Community Development Center-Prior reported that the CDC received grant money for the Summer Rec program and the intern program.

Library Report- Mandy reported on the cuts made by Governor to the Dept. of Education this affects the Enrich Iowa money the library receives, not sure how much will be cut, should know more in March. Next month the Library will start taking a head count for everyone coming to the Library; will report on this count at a later date.

MAYOR'S REPORT- None

Motion Prior to adjourn, second Wink, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro-tem

Attest: City Clerk