

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

OFFICER PRESENT: WILSON

COUNCIL PRESENT: PRIOR, KAALBERG, PAYNE, WINK

COUNCIL ABSENT: HUSTON

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims, motion by Prior, second by Wink to approve the consent agenda. Prior –yes, Kaalberg –yes, Payne –yes, Wink –yes. Approved.

GIS MAPPING-ZACH JAMES SEIRPC-Item removed from agenda to a later date.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP –APRIL 21, 2017-Information regarding this will be placed in the Gazette. Mallory will have other clean-up going on during the week leading up to the 21st.

Motion by Kaalberg to set April 21st, 2017 as City Wide Clean-up day, second by Payne. Prior –yes, Kaalberg –yes, Payne –yes, Wink –yes. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities- None

Streets & Sidewalks- Repairs and improvements have been made to the City's street sweeper by Todd and Steve. Todd ran it today and reported it was working well.

Public Safety-None

Finance-None

Community Development Center-Mallory Smith, Community Development Center Director reported on upcoming events out of her office;

****Deadline for Intern applications to be turned in is March 31st, 2017.***

****Community Gardens- 7 of the 8 gardens have been rented. More plots available at Tyson Allchin's property in the country.***

****Adopt a park program-Bev Nielsen organizing and lining up organizations to do this. Three of the City's Parks have been adopted so far***

****Keep Columbus Beautiful Week-Will be acting along with the City Wide Clean-up.***

****Farmers Market-Changes for the upcoming season include new location and day.***

Farmers Market will be held on Mondays and the location will be in the Community Bank Parking lot on Main Street. Planning meeting and luncheon for vendors will be Friday, April 7th, at the Civic Center.

Library-Amanda Grimm, Library Director reported on the decrease in State funding to the library this year and next and that the State Library has implemented a few new changes to Library operation, but Grimm feels most will not affect the Columbus Junction Public Library. The library personnel have started taking a door count of every one that walks in and out of the library.

Recent activities at the library include, Family Fort Night which was well attended, also Bingo and a movie were shown over spring break.

Grimm stated that she has been approached about a couple of new programs for the Library, which would require a working kitchen. Looking into the possibility of a kitchen in the current break room area, money for this would be thru grants, memorial money along with trust money. Any suggestions are welcome.

Strategic planning meeting was held with a good attendance, will be meeting again soon.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Wilson reported that a committee will be meeting with Zach James of SEIRPC on more information about the GIS Mapping program. Also the sidewalk committee will be meeting to discuss sidewalk replacements and repairs for this summer.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk