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*A fond look back at
Columbus Junction, Iowa*



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF COLUMBUS JUNCTION, IOWA

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance and Amending Ordinance

The City of Columbus Junction will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30pm at Civic Center/Council Chambers, to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance entitled:

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

The proposed ordinance is to establish “unsafe”. All buildings or structures which are structurally unsafe or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to safety or health, or public welfare, by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are, for the purpose of this ordinance.

AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO NO PARKING ZONES

Chapter 69, Section 08 (7 and 8), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus Junction, Iowa 1996. No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following specifically designated no parking zones except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a peace officer or traffic control signal.

7. Maple Street, on both sides, from Main Street to Second Street.
8. Second Street, on both sides, from Maple Street to Gamble Street.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing.

/s/ Attest: Jodi Edwards, City Clerk

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SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK "EE"
LOUISA COUNTY, IOWA
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September 23, 2025

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Supervisor's office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Shawn Maine, Chair. The following board members were present: Kevin Hardin and Scot Hunt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Public attending meeting: Randy Foor, Adam Shutt, Randy Schlutz, Bryan Stephens, Bill Poggemiller, Brandon Marquardt, Jacob Ewart, Jim Keldgord, and Jim Rudisill. Attended via Zoom: Tammy Hayes, Jo Schantz, Julie Davison, Brian Thy, Tim Coleman, Leah McElhinney, Mike Branham, Lucia Herman, and Chase Watkins. Pledge of Allegiance Motion Hunt, second Hardin, to approve agenda for September

23rd, 2025.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve minutes for the September 16th, 2025 meeting.
Meetings attended: Hunt attended the Conservation meeting. Hardin attended the Community Action, Conservation, and Eastern Iowa Port meetings. Maine attended the Early Childhood Development and Conservation meetings.
Public Input: Randy Schlutz asked how the trial period was going with the Driver's License. Hunt commented he had talked with the Treasurer's office and had heard the State has not followed through with their promises. Hardin stated the scheduling system takes more time than how it was handled before. Randy Foor wanted to acknowledge what a great job Jacob Ewart is doing. The Board agreed.
The following payroll changes were presented: Justin Wessley, Engineering Tech 2/Asst Maintenance Foreman, \$31.57/hr; Austin Edwards, Motorgrader, \$27.42; Emily Abney, New hire-Dispatcher, \$21.37.
Adam Shutt, Engineer, provided his weekly update. Shutt informed the Board the Iowa Department of Transportation will be having another informational meeting on October 1, 2025, at the Briggs in Wapello from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Leah McElhinney, gave her monthly update, noting that the flu vaccines have arrived and administration has commenced.
Julie Davison, representing the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance, presented to the Board. She reviewed the organization's new structure and informed the Board that their mission is to assist individuals in need, particularly by helping clients enroll in Medicaid. She requested that the County appoint a representative to the governing board and noted that funding for the program is provided by

the State.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve Resolution 202544-Amended 28E Agreement for Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance.
Chase Watkins, OCV, LLC, presented the Sheriff's Office Mobile app program to the Board. He outlined many benefits of the app, including access to the sex offender registry, inmate search capabilities, and the potential integration of Emergency Management services. Supervisor Maine inquired about the possibility of using opioid settlement funds for the project and the sustainability of that funding. Sheriff Brandon Marquardt stated that he has been working with County Attorney Adam Parsons to ensure the use of those funds is appropriate, and he believes the funding will remain available for many years.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve use of Opioid funds for purchase of the Mobile app development, Mobile app Annual support and maintenance, and digital marketing kit to help with the Opioid Crisis.

The Board received four LP bids for the Complex. FS Agriland, Reif Oil, Farmers Elevator, Blue Flame with the winning bid from FS Agriland at \$1.045/gallon.
Motion Hardin, second Hunt, to approve the Metal and Glass Device permit for Petro & More.
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The Board held a discussion regarding the possibility of donating sick and vacation time. The consensus was to allow the donation of vacation time; however, the Board would like to consult with Paul Gruefe to establish a formal policy. This would help ensure consistency and eliminate the need to review such requests on a case-by-case basis. No motion was made.
Maine read a statement from Kathy Jolly Vance regarding up-

date on the Multi-Purpose Barn at the Louisa County Fairgrounds. She informed the Board the DNR Floodplain permit is underway and that they have received a \$364,000 Community Attraction and Tourism Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The project is now within \$55,000 of meeting its fundraising goal for the building which is valued at \$1,212,000. She thanked the Board for their continued support.
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting on motion adjourned at 9:41 a.m.
/s/ Susan Schnedler, Auditor, /s/ Shawn Maine, Chairman of Board

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2025
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER / CITY HALL
OFFICER PRESENT: HUSTON
COUNCIL PRESENT: Prior, Mapel, Todd, Harris
COUNCIL ABSENT: Buckman
Meeting called to order by Mayor.
CONSENT AGENDA
Previous minutes and claims. Liquor license renewal for Rey de Reyes. Motion by Todd to approve consent agenda, second by Harris. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Todd-yes, Harris-yes (Buckman-absent) Approved.
CITIZEN'S CONCERN-None
STIPEND FOR CLERKS CELL PHONES- The two clerks use their personal cell phones for many things with the city. The city buys and pays for phones for public works, police and ambulance. Harris made a motion to pay \$40 a month to each clerk for use of their personal phones. Mapel second. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Todd-yes, Mapel-yes. Approved.
AMBULANCE UPDATE TABLETS- This was tabled until next meeting do to the ambulance getting called out for service.
COMMITTEE REPORTS
Utilities-Salazar reported that Iowa Pump Works were here to service pumps at lift stations. Also reported the door at the water plant needs replaced, he had one quote but will be getting a couple more. A few meetings ago there was discussion on running new service lines on Collins Road. The city had one bid at the time, Salazar wanted to get a couple more bids. He had two new bids from 4 Seasons and Mohrfeld, Kemp and Son submitted one to councilman Todd. The council discussed the bids and decided to put it on the next meeting's agenda to decide. Streets & Sidewalks-None

Public Safety-Chief Orr announced he will be retiring next September 2026. He wanted to give the council enough notice to look for his replacement. He also reported Karl Chevrolet has the new squad that they are installing the equipment in and took the equipment out of the old squad the city will be selling. Orr also mentioned we will have extra patrol this weekend for the Columbus Day festivities to help with detour traffic.
Finance-None
Library-None
Employee Safety & Health-None
Ambulance-None
MAYOR'S REPORT-Huston discussed amending ordinance on parking on 2nd Street and Mapel. Also adopting ordinance on dangerous buildings. He would also like to do away with the chicken ordinance.
Motion by Harris, second by Todd to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned by Mayor.
/s/ Mark Huston, Mayor, /s/ Attest: Jodi Edwards, City Clerk
CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER
GENERAL LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION.....29.33
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER GARNISHMENT.....55.8
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX.....3,913.10
IPERS JULY IPERS.....2,788.10
TRANSAMERICA EMPLOYEE BEN SUPPLEMENTAL.....37.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....380.64
WELLMARK IN DENTAL/HEALTH.....282.22
050LIABILITIES TOTAL 7,487.11
POLICE
CLEARFLY PHONES.....73.56
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL/OFFICE SUP/CONFERENCE.....159.23
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMANS COMP.....91.20
KARL CHEVROLET SQUAD EQUIPMENT.....18,365.53
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICE

FIX BACK FLOW DEVICE1,034.30
MINCER FORD SQUAD AND PW TRK.....47.62
TWO RIVERS MARKET SQUAD FUEL.....466.70
110 POLICE TOTAL.....20,838.14
LIBRARY
CLEARFLY PHONES.....73.56
CULLIGAN/VETTER'S INC WATER SOFTNER.....46.32
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES FIX BACK FLOW DEVICE1,034.30
410 LIBRARY TOTAL.....1,154.18
PARKS
ALLIANT UTILITIES UTILITIES.....26.47
COLUMBUS JUNCTION AUTO SUFFILTERS.....166.71
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL/OFFICE SUP/CONFERENCE.....104.61
G&W AUTO PARTS MOWER SUPPLIES/TRUCK SUPPLIES23.78
JIM'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR CHAINSAW SUPPLIES.....159.93
SHELLY PARKER CLEAN PARK RR.....125.00
430 PARKS TOTAL.....606.50
CITY HALL/GENERAL BLDGS CLEARFLY PHONES.....73.56
COLUMBUS GAZETTE MINUTES CLAIMS.....535.05
CULLIGAN/VETTER'S INC WATER SOFTNER.....46.33
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL/OFFICE SUP/CONFERENCE.....215.09
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMAN'S COMP.....230.40
K&S H2O INC SERVICE CALL125.00
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES FIX BACK FLOW DEVICE1,034.30
MINAS CLEANING SERVICE CLEANING.....938.00
RAYNOR DOOR CO INC SEAL OF GARAGE DOOR.....203.00
650 CITY HALL/GENERAL BLDGS. TOTAL.....3,400.73
MISCELLANEOUS
UNITED STATES TREASURY RECOVERY FUNDS PAYBACK917.18
UTILITY ACCTS DELINQUENT UTILITIES.....935.00

690 MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL1,852.18
001 GENERAL TOTAL 35,338.84
AMBULANCE
LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION.....13.37
EFTPS FED/FICA TX.....1,771.12
IPERS ELECTRONIC IPERS1,044.07
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....187.37
WELLMARK INC HEALTH/DENTAL.....437.57
050 LIABILITIES TOTAL 3,453.50
AMBULANCE
LIABILITIES
ALLIANT UTILITIES UTILITIES.....422.60
AT&T CELL PHONES.....101.00
CITY OF COLUMBUS JCT WATERNBILL.....57.49
CITY OF GRANDVIEW RENT250.00
CLEARFLY PHONES.....73.56
COLUMBUS MEDICAL RENT1,000.00
ECON-O-MART BASE SUPPLIE.....3.87
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING FCC LICENSE.....1,995.01
EVEREST EMERGENCY VEHICLES INC ADAM 7 REPAIR2,916.38
HENRY SCHEIN INC MEDICAL SUPPLIES.....589.81
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMANS COMP.....921.60
MIDWEST GRAPHICS ADAM 7 LETTERING.....462.07
MINCER FORD ADAM 6.....3,287.93
DHANISHA LLC FUEL.....848.02
TWO RIVERS MARKET FUEL425.00
160 AMBULANCE TOTAL 13,364.34
002 AMBULANCE TOTAL 16,817.84
ROAD USE TAX
LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION.....28.03
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX.....1,370.63
IPERS IPERS REGULAR 951.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....156.91
WELLMARK INC DENTAL/HEALTH.....90.86
050 LIABILITIES TOTAL 2,597.43
ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS

ECON-O-MART PAINT/SIGN SUPPLIES.....37.36
G&W AUTO PARTS MOWER SUPPLIES/TRUCK SUPPLIES13.54
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMANS COMP.....409.60
MINCER FORD SERVICE SQUAD AND PW TRK.....51.17
ULINE SIGNS FOR TRAFFIC229.20
WASHINGTON STATE BANK STREET SWEEPER/NEW HERITAGE.....683.56
210 ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS TOTAL.....1,424.43
STREET LIGHTING
ALLIANT UTILITIES UTILITIES.....179.02
SCHWAB ELECTRIC STREET LIGHT RPR.....106.31
230 STREET LIGHTING TOTAL285.33
110 ROAD USE TAX TOTAL4,307.19
DEBIT SERVICE
COMMUNITY CTR/ZOO/MARINA
WASHINGTON STATE BANK STREET SWEEPER/NEW HERITAGE.....9,476.56
460 COMMUNITY CTR/ZOO/MARINA TOTAL.....9,476.58
200 DEBIT SERVICE.....9,476.58
WATER
4-M PLUMBING AND HEATING WATER PLANT.....330.00
ALLIANT UTILITIES UTILITIES.....41.03
COLUMBUS JUNCTION AUTO SU SHOP TOWELS.....58.82
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES WATERPLANT/FUEL.....655.57
G&W AUTO PARTS OPERATING SUPPLIES53.29
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOL WATER/WATER TESTING 33.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE & FI WATER/SALES/TAX 1,950.66
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMANS COMP.....409.60
OFFICE EXPRESS TONER 81.99
PESTPROS WATERPLANT/SHOP PEST CONT.....125.00
DIANA ANDERSON UTILITY BILLS.....314.71
USE BLUEBOOK WATERPLANT289.58
WASHINGTON STATE BANK

RADIO READ.....3,940.70
WINDSTREAM PHONE/INTERNET.....224.84
810 WATER TOTAL.....8,508.79
600 WATER TOTAL.....8,508.79
SEWER
SERES/SEWAGE DISPOSAL
ALLIANT UTILITIES UTILITIES.....414.78
ECON-O-MART LAGOON 92.32
I.A.M. U QTRLY DUES.....927.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOL WATER/WATER TESTING1,085.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE & FI WET/SALES TAX.....183.32
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKMANS COMP.....409.60
IOWA ONE CALL SERVICE LOCATES.....41.40
IOWA PUMP WORKS INC SERVICE OAKVIEW LIFTSTATION4,221.86
PESTPROS WATERPLANT/SHOP PEST CONT.....75.00
DIANA ANDERSON UTILITY BILLS.....314.72
STEINDLER ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC SHARI INS/JEFF SURGERY.....646.04
U.S. POST OFFICE POSTAGE700.00
815 SEWER/SEWAGE DISPOSAL TOTAL.....9,111.04
610 SEWER TOTAL.....9,111.04
LANDFILL/GARBAGE
LANDFILL/GARBAGE
DIANA ANDERSON UTILITY BILLS.....314.72
WEMIGA WASTE TRASH/RECYCLING.....10,710.00
840 LANDFILL/GARBAGE TOTAL.....11,024.72
670 LANDFILL/GARBAGE TOTAL.....11,024.72
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL94,585.00
001 GENERAL.....35,338.84
002 AMBULANCE.....16,817.94
110 ROAD USE TAX.....4,307.19
200 DEBT SERVICE.....9,476.58
600 WATER.....8,508.79
610 SEWER.....9,111.04
670 LANDFILL/GARBAGE11,024.72
TOTAL FUNDS.....94,585.00
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