

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
March 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at Coloma City Hall at 7:30 pm by Mayor Hammond.
Present: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond, Clerk Clements
Absent: Churchill

Visitors: Matt Quinn, Sig Freitag, Mary Harrison, Lora Freehling, Todd Bohle, Chana Kniebes, Bill Smith, Samantha Smith (TriCity Record), Chad White, Ross Streu, Dale Kreitner, Pete Becker, Harold Bragg, Rachel Edwards

Pledge: Commissioner Freitag led the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag. Pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Freitag to approve the agenda with the addition of Lions Club to the agenda. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. Agenda Approval.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Smith motioned, seconded by Commissioner Freitag to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from March 11, 2024. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Smith, Mayor Hammond. Abstain: Hicks. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approval.

Comments from Citizens and Visitors: Chana Kniebes thanked everyone for attending, supporting, and participating in the St Patrick's Parade and the Scavenger Hunt with the library. Matt Quinn shared that AI counted there were over 4,000 downtown in the parade and during the drone show with over 8,000 people in Coloma over the day. Chana Kniebes, St Patricks Parade and Drone Show Thank you.

Lora Freehling lives in Lincoln Township and County Register of Deeds and wanted to share a free notification service from the Berrien County property owners that is now available for residents in our county. There are benefits for immediate response of documents recorded daily on properties subscribers are signed up for. Visit berrien.mi.publicsearch.us for more information. Property Alert Service. Berrien County Register of Deeds, Lora Freehling.

Chad White, T's Tap owner would like to have the business and driveway split to of 277 N Paw Paw 60-0340-0051-06-9 and have second build on it's own at 281 N Paw Paw 60-0340-0050-01-1. Commissioner Hicks motioned to approve the property owner's request to proceed with the survey to split his parcels supported by Commissioner Clements. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. 277 N Paw Paw /281 N Paw Paw Properoperty Split Motion Approval.

Mary Harrison shared that the state of Michigan has asked the public libraries to gather feedback from communities and we have one running online or hard copies at the library until April 15.
Harold Bragg commended the St Patrick's day committee for their excellent job last weekend.

Mary Harrison,
Public survey
Harold Bragg,
Citizen Comments.

Matt Quinn shared the February report and we had 15 calls in the city with an average response time of 1 minute. He shared that regarding the drone show there needs to be a discussion around traffic control and a better plan to address kids in the streets during the parade and there was a larger crowd than expected. Commissioner Clements commented on the issue with the throwing of candy and how to keep the kids out of the street during the parade to catch candy due to the safety of patrons.

Great Lakes
Rescue Update.

Lions Club members Ross Streu, Dale Kreitner, Pete Becker, Jason Hicks presented a \$5,000 check to the Splashpad Fund.

**Splashpad
Coloma Lions
\$5,000 donation.**

Special Recognition: Marsha Hammond shared there was a benefit for the Hubbard family on Saturday and it raised over \$6,000 for the family and a wonderful turnout in support of the family and business sale.

**Hubbard Family
Benefit**

Unfinished Business: Marsha Hammond shared that the feedback on our zoning was sent back to our attorney and will follow up once she is back from vacation.

New Business: Mayor Hammond shared that the Commissioners had the 2024-2025 Budget for review. Commissioner Smith motioned, supported by Commissioner Clements to approve the 2024-2025 city budget. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2024-2025 City
Budget Motion
Approval.**

Finance/Insurance: Commissioner Smith motioned, support db by Commissioner Hicks to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's
Report Motion
Approval.**

Public Works: Commissioner Freitag shared that spring clean up is May 20 - 24 and shared you will notice the new, brighter lights downtown and brush pick up will start around April 1. Mary Harrison asked if they could paint arrows on the road even though it is very well marked it is a one way on Federal street.

**Spring Clean up
May 20-24**

Police: Todd Bohle shared the police activity report from February 2024. Commissioner Clements motioned to approve, supported by Commissioner Freitag Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

**Police Report
Motion Approval.**

Clerk: None.

Ordinance: Commissioner Smith shared that the cemetery board is included in your packet.

Cemetery Board.

Fire Board: Commissioner Freitag shared the next fire board meeting is at April 2 at 7 PM at Station 2. The fire chief's new vehicle has been ordered.

Fire Board.

Communications: Commissioner Balkin shared a thank you to everyone for their continued support of the splashpad project.

Splashpad project.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment.

Kelly Clements, Clerk

Marsha Hammond, Mayor