

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
July 10, 2017

Present: Churchill, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Polashak, Darling.
Absent: Hammond.

Visitors: Rick Rasmussin, Jerry Willmeng, Alexandra Newman, Christina Gelder, Rod Burkholder, Peggy Hunt, Jeff Coffel, Kelly Clements, Tony Bertuca, Chris Phillips, Wes Smigielski, Dave Vollrath, Sieg Freitag.

The meeting was called to order in the City Commission Chambers at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Polashak.

Comm. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Churchill, seconded by Hicks, to approve the Agenda, as printed. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Agenda
Approved.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Smith, seconded by Freitag, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2017, as printed. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes
Approved.**

Comments from Citizens and Visitors:

*Rick Rasmussen and Jerry Willmeng, Friends of the Paw Paw River group, were present to ask permission to put two signs up behind Wesco , one showing where to access the river and the other would be on the river's side. There will be no expense to the City. A motion was made by Freitag, seconded by Smith, to allow them to put the two signs up, as requested. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Rick
Rasmussen.**

**Signs
Approved.**

*Tony Bertuca was present to voice concern over access to his restaurant during the Glad-Peach Festival. He was told that the road will not be open to through traffic but the business owners and their patrons will be able to go around the barricades to get to their businesses during the hours that they are open.

Tony Bertuca.

*Jeff Coffel, 221 S. West St., came to the Commission to seek help regarding a neighbors fence. Since the fence has been put up, he has been unable to maintain his side of the property. There is a No Trespassing sign put up and he cannot do anything without the police being called. The fence was put up through a building on the neighbor's property. He doesn't know exactly where the property line is and he doesn't believe that he should be the one to pay to have it surveyed. The police have said that they can do nothing unless there is a survey done and they know exactly where the property line is at. Comm. Smith was asked to look into the situation.

Jeff Coffel.

*Dave Vollrath gave a quick update on what is going on at the County. He said that their next meeting will be in New Buffalo on this coming Thursday.

Dave
Vollrath.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Churchill, seconded by Clements, to approve the payment of bill from MDOT for E. St. Joseph Street in the amount of \$32,360.83. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

MDOT Bill
Approved.

Motion by Churchill, seconded by Smith, to approve payment of the invoice from Aegion for the completed Timber Drive project in the amount of \$17,985.20. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Aegion Bill
Approved.

Motion by Hicks, seconded by Freitag, to raise the Office Staff, Roseann and Maureen's, wages the same percent as was given to Rod Burkholder. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. Abstain: Clements. MOTION CARRIED.

Office Raises
Approved.

Motion by Freitag, seconded by Hicks, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kandyce Hays to the DDA to replace Karla Smothers, who recently resigned due to a change in her position. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

DDA
Member
Approved.

Finance/Insurance: Motion by Churchill, seconded by Hicks, to approve payment of the current bills. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. The bills are available at City Hall for anyone interested in seeing them. There was no report on Insurance.

Bills
Approved.

Public Works: None.

Police: Lt. Wes Smigielski gave the Police and Ordinance Activity Reports. He reported that ten cars were broken into in the Coloma Heights Subdivision. One of the cars had a gun stolen. He said that if anyone is carrying a legal gun, they should have it locked up in their house at night and not left in their unlocked automobile. He also reminded everyone to keep an eye on what is going on around them in their neighborhood and to call the Police if they think there is something suspicious. A motion was made by Clements, seconded by Churchill, to accept the Police and Ordinance Activity Reports, as presented. Yes: Smith, Churchill, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Police
Activity
Reports
Approved.

Clerk: None.

Ordinance: None.

Fire Board: Freitag reminded everyone that there will be a Fire Board meeting tomorrow evening at Station 1 in Coloma at 7:00 p.m. The new Fire Chief will be there.

Freitag.

Correspondence: None.

Smith reported that flowers have been missing off the graves, mostly hanging baskets. The police are looking into the problem.

Smith.

Motion by Hicks, seconded by Clements, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Voice Vote.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Darling, Clerk

James L. Polashak, Mayor