

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
August 14, 2017

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

Present: Churchill, Clements, Freitag, Hammond, Hicks, Smith, Polashak, Darling.
Absent: None.

Visitors: Sieg Freitag, Dave Vollrath, Chris Phillips, Police Chief Jason Roe, Fire Chief Mike Mattix, Christina Gelder, Alexandra Newman, Rod Burkholder. Roseann Clements, Chana Kniebes.

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

Pledge.

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

**Agenda
Approved.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Smith, seconded by Hammond, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2017, as printed. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes
Approved.**

Comments from Citizens and Visitors:

*Chana Kniebes gave an update on the Golf Outing and thanked Hammond and Polashak for staying the whole day. The ribbon cutting and grand opening of Some Things Different went well.

Chana Kniebes.

*The new Fire Chief, Mike Mattix, was present to introduce himself and briefly updated the Commission on his first two weeks on the job. He was welcomed by everyone.

Chief Mattix.

*Dave Vollrath gave an update on what is happening at the County. He informed the Commission about two upcoming Public Hearings, one on August 17 and the other on August 24. The August 24th hearing may be changed to September 7th, and if it is, he will let us know. On August 22, a hearing will be held regarding Bill Hodge's position on the Road Commission. There will be a Berrien County Land Auction on August 22 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the DANK. He also said that the County Commissioners were invited to the White House, in which he attended, and gave an update on it.

Dave Vollrath.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A motion was made by Hammond, seconded by Churchill, to approve payment of the invoice from Merritt Midwest, in the amount of \$1302.70, for work on E. St. Joseph St. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Merritt Midwest
Bill Approved.**

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Churchill, to approve payment of the invoice from MDOT, in the amount of \$23,603.49, for work on E. St. Joseph St. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**MDOT Bill
Approved.**

Motion by Freitag, seconded by Churchill, to pay the invoice from the North Berrien Fire Rescue Board in the amount of \$25,481.50---\$7004.12 of that amount will be borrowed from the Leonard Account and paid back after the taxes are collected. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**NBFR Bill
Approved**

Motion by Smith, seconded by Clements, to approve the mayor to sign the contract from AT&T, allowing them to run a fiber optic cable from their switch box to the Chemical Bank. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Clements, Freitag. No: none. Abstain: Hicks. MOTION CARRIED.

**AT&T Contract
Approved.
(Fiber Optic
Cable)**

Finance/Insurance: Motion by Churchill, seconded by Hicks, to approve payment of the bills. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. There was nothing to report on Insurance.

**Bill Payments
Approved.**

Public Works: Hammond thanked the Public Works Department for all their work during the festival. Hicks also thanked Rod and his crew, on behalf of the American Legion, for coming out to fix their sewer backup during the festival.

**Hammond/
Hicks.**

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Freitag, to approve sending Rod Burkholder and Don Rogers to a DEQ class for Disinfection Basics on September 12, at a cost of \$150 per person. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**DEQ Class
Approved.**

Motion by Freitag, seconded by Hicks, to approve the appointment of Comm. Smith to the Public Works Committee. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Smith
Appointed to
Public Works.**

Police: Chief Roe went over the report. He also said that this year's festival was the best one ever for the Police Department. The Commission also thanked the Police Department for all they did during the festival. A motion was made by Clements, seconded by Freitag, to approve the Police Activity Report for July, 2017, as presented. Yes: Hammond, Churchill, Smith, Hicks, Clements, Freitag, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Police Report
Approved.**

Clerk: None.

Ordinance: An Ordinance meeting will be held on August 28, at 6:45 p.m.

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Fire Board: Nothing else to report.

Treasurer: None.

Correspondence: None.

A motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Darling, Clerk

James L. Polashak, Mayor