

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
June 12, 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: Kristen DeHaan, Ken Parrigin, Chana Kniebes, Christina Gelder, Bob Howell, Julie Kartidis, Alexandra Newman, Jason Roe, Bill Smith, Rod Burkholder, Sieg Freitag, Chris Phillips.

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

Pledge.

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

Agenda Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hicks, seconded by Clements, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2017, as printed. Yes: Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Churchill, Hammond, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes Approved.

Comments from Citizens and Visitors:

*Julie Kartidis, 241 Ryno Rd., was present to request permission to have about six chickens to use for fertilizer on her property. There will be no roosters. The mayor said that he doesn't see any problem as long as there are no objections from neighbors. She was told to first check with her neighbors and then come back to the next meeting.

Julie Kartidis.

*Kristen DeHaan, of the North Berrien Historical Museum, updated the Commission on some of the upcoming events. They will be opening their newest permanent exhibit, which is the Southwest Michigan Crate, Basket, Veneer Machinery Collection. The ribbon cutting will be held on Saturday, July 1, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited. There will be a Photography 101 class on Thursday, June 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. with Ted Post, of the Twin Cities Camera Club, sharing tips on how to take good pictures and answer questions relating to photography. There will be a photography contest. The deadline to enter is August 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Contest rules and entry forms may be picked up at the Historical Museum or requested by email.

Kristen DeHaan.

*Bob Howell was present to thank Mayor Polashak, Commissioner Hammond, and Rod Burkholder for all their help with his brush issue, in which he was given a ticket for burning it and being in violation of the burning ordinance.

Bob Howell.

*Bill Smith announced that he has been chosen as the new County Road Commissioner.

Bill Smith.

*Sieg Freitag brought up the subject again regarding the burning ordinance issue and time limits on burning. It doesn't allow for the families that want to use burning pits during the summer after dark. He thinks that the Ordinance should be revised and time limits changed. Hicks also suggested changing the Ordinance to reflect property size. He will look into having two Ordinances, one written for acreage properties and the other for small properties.

**Sieg Freitag. Re:
Burning
Ordinance.**

*Chana Kniebes reported that the 14th Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Paw Paw Lake Golf Club on August 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$60.00.

Chana Kniebes.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Hammond, seconded by Smith, to approve payment to MDOT for the invoice totaling \$38,403.42. Yes: Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Churchill, Hammond, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**MDOT Payment
Approved.**

Motion by Hammond, seconded by Churchill, to approve payment to Merit Midwest Engineering of \$19,345.00 for the E. St. Joseph St. project. Yes: Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Churchill, Hammond, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Merit Midwest
Payment
Approved.**

Hammond reported that the total project cost for E. St. Joseph Street to date is \$920,772.43. The City's share was \$570,772.43 and MDOT share was \$350,000.

Hammond.

Finance/Insurance: Motion by Churchill, seconded by Hicks, to approve bills through May 31, 2017 totaling \$96,913.18. Yes: Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Churchill, Hammond, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. There was nothing on Insurance.

**Payment of Bills
Approved.**

Public Works: There will be a Public Works meeting on June 26, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

P/W Meeting

Police: Chief Roe briefly read over the reports. A motion was made by Clements, seconded by Hicks, to accept the Police and Ordinance Activity Reports, as presented. Yes: Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Churchill, Hammond, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

**Police Reports
Approved.**

Clerk: None.

Ordinance: An Ordinance meeting will be held on June 26, 2017 at 7:10 p.m.

**Ordinance
Meeting**

Fire Board: They hope to be picking a new chief tomorrow and will be working on negotiations.

Treasurer: None.

Correspondence: None.

Smith would like to have a reminder put along with the water bills about the number of rummage sales allowed in the City per year and also that they need to purchase a permit.

**Julie Smith Re:
Rummage Sales.**

She also wanted to commend Comm. Churchill for all his work in planting the 6,000 gladiolus bulbs around the City. He said that he did get some help from Tony Postelli and Karla Smothers. He received applause from everyone attending the meeting.

Julie Smith.

Motion by Hicks, seconded by Clements to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Darling, Clerk

James L. Polashak, Mayor