

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
August 11, 2008

Present: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak, Darling.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Rod Burkholder, Ken Parrigin, Tom LaVanway, Richard Lyon, Chip Shaw, Christina Glass, Suzanne Glass, Jane Glass, Nick Stanley, Rory Bell.

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

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

Pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bragg, supported by Freitag, to approve the Agenda, as printed. Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda
Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dahlquist, supported by B. Smith, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2008, as printed. Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes
Approved.

Visitors Comments:

1. Nick Stanley, from Water Solutions, gave a presentation on the benefits of using Re-Ox in the water distribution system instead of phosphates. One of the benefits is that it is a disinfectant by product and will clean organic matter out of the water, such as iron bacteria. Lead/copper numbers have been reduced by using this product. He said that there are a lot of things Re-Ox does that phosphates can not do. Although Re-Ox is currently more expensive than phosphates at \$7.00 a gallon, it will be cheaper by the end of this year because the ingredients in phosphates are increasing in price. Re-Ox is also non hazardous. He said that chlorine will still have to be used in the water but not as much. Rod said that he would like to try it for three months in well #3. After Mr. Stanley answered questions from the Commission, a motion was made by Hammond, supported by Bragg, to allow Rod to try Re-Ox in well #3 for a maximum of three months. Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.
2. City resident, Richard Lyon, was present to report that the school is planning a ceremony during half time of the first football game honoring former athletic director, Richard Becht, who is retiring. He would like the City Commission to also do something in tribute to Mr. Becht during the ceremony, such as a plaque. Mayor Polashak

Re-Ox
Approved..

said that the request will be taken under advisement and they will try to come up with something and let Mr. Lyon know what is decided.

Special Recognitions, Commendations, Etc.

Comm. Hammond thanked the Police Officers from Watervliet, Berrien County Sheriff's Department, State Police, both St. Joseph City and Township, Baroda Lake Township, Bridgman, Berrien Springs/Oronoko who helped during the Glad/Peach Festival at no cost to the Coloma Township Police Department. Mayor Polashak said that certificates of appreciation are being made up for all the officers who participated. Hammond also thanked the Coloma Township Department and the Public Works Department.

Old Business: Water Authority Agreement.

No report other than that a special consultant has been hired that will be fixing the rates, which will be shared.

Finance:

Motion by B. Smith, supported by Dahlquist, to approve payment of bills through July 31, 2008, in the following total amounts:

General Fund	\$ 57,221.17
Major Street Fund	9,898.59
Local Street Fund	5,794.00
Operating & Maintenance	34,085.13
D.D.A. Fund	12,949.25
Grand Total	\$ 119,946.14

Approval of Bills.

Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak.
No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Works:

Motion by Hammond, supported by Bragg, to accept the Public Works Report, as presented. Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

P/W Report Approved.

Hammond reported that she is working on setting the dates for quarterly meetings for Wellhead Protection.

Police:

Motion by Dahlquist, supported by B. Smith, to accept the Police Activity Report for the month of July, 2008. Yes: Dahlquist, B. Smith, Hammond, Freitag, J. Smith, Bragg, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Police Report Approved.

Comm. J. Smith reported that she has had to contact the police a couple of times since Officer LaVanway has taken over and she has been very pleased

with the rapid, efficient, and polite service. Dahlquist also thanked LaVanway for taking over and seeing that the Glad-Peach Festival went over as smooth as it did.

Rory Bell explained the upcoming FEMA mandatory training that we will all have to comply with. They are working on setting up dates and times. We will be breaking up into groups with Watervliet and Hagar. We have to be in compliance by November of this year. Comm. Bragg will coordinate the classes along with Officer Bell.

Library Board:

Comm. Bragg presented figures on the number of people who visited the Library during the past year over the amount before they moved into the new Library. There were nearly 54,000 served this past year, which is an average of 4,400 people per month, compared to 20,000 people the last year in the old building. There was an average of nearly 90,000 items circulated last year compared with 44,000 in the old building. In State and National competition for library design, Coloma Public Library came in first place.

Comm. J. Smith asked for permission for the official name of the City Beautification Committee for the committee consisting of her, Freitag, and Bragg.. Mayor Polashak suggested that they open it up to any citizen interested in being on the committee. Anyone interested can call City Hall.

A Public Works meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:45 p.m.

Comm. Freitag reported that Marty Quigley did a great job in organizing the Glad-Peach Run. There were over 300 runners, which is twice as many as last year. A special thank you goes out to all who donated water, food, and their time at the run.

Motion by B. Smith, supported by J. Smith, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Darling, Clerk

James Polashak, Mayor