

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
August 23, 2010

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

Visitors: Bob Robinson, Rod Burkholder, Cathy Megna, Jim Spiegel, Mark
Fontecchio, Christina Gelder, Matt Gelder, Pat Glass, Cynthia
Glass, Zach Glass.

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

Clerk Darling led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge.

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

Agenda
Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by B. Smith, supported by Bragg, to approve
the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2010, as printed. Yes: J.
Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes
Approved.

Comments from Citizens and Visitors:

1. Bob Robinson, representing the Planning Commission, said that they would like to have all “for profit” day cares register with the City, regardless of the number of children. He said that if there is some kind of disaster, such as a fire, that emergency workers need to know which houses have these children and how many there are. He also said there are a lot of houses that are day cares but are not state licensed because they are not required by the state, due to the number of children. This will be considered after discussing it with Rory Bell
2. Pat Glass, of 297 E. St. Joseph St., voiced concern regarding various accusations against him, which he said are not true, during the nine years he has lived in the city. He recently had a complaint of running a car repair business out of his garage and also parking on the grass. When he has company, they sometimes park on the grass. The cars that he works on in his garage are mostly cars that belong to his family that live with him and are licensed. There are six licensed drivers who all have a vehicle. Bragg said that there will be an ordinance about parking on lawns because there are residents that use their lawn as a

driveway. Glass believes that this is infringing on rights of property owners.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Resolution 2010-8

Motion by B. Smith, supported by Bragg, to approve Resolution 2010-8— City of Coloma Fire Truck Replacement Millage Proposal. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. The millage proposal reads as follows:

Millage
Proposal
Resolution
2010-8
Approved

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation on the total amount of all property in the City of Coloma liable for taxation be increased by fifty hundredths of one mill (\$.50 cents) per each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation, as equalized, for the purchase of replacement of fire trucks. The authorization is for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2011 through 2020. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy in the City of Coloma will be approximately \$16,922.84.

Mayor Polashak said that, if the millage passes, the millage comes to the City and is put in a fund for fire truck replacement and is distributed by the City. If there is more in the account than what our cost will be, it will be accumulated for the next truck.

Committees:

Finance: The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 13th at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by B. Smith, supported by Muenchow, to approve payment of bills through August 31, 2010, in the following total amounts:

Payment of
Bills Approved.

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$ 50,579.51 |
| Major Street Fund | 12,290.58 |
| Local Street Fund | 2,877.54 |
| Operating & Maintenance | 29,491.41 |
| DDA Fund | ---- |

Grand Total **\$95,239.04**

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

Public Works: Motion by Hammond, supported by Bragg. To accept the Public Works Report for July, 2010, as presented. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

P/W Report
Approved.

Motion by Hammond, supported by J. Smith, to keep one of the summer part time employees until October 1, 2010 to continue picking up yard waste and brush. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. Brush must be under four feet long and less than two inches in diameter. No trees will be picked up.

Part Time
Employee
Extended.

Motion by Hammond, supported by Bragg, to approve the installation of flashing yellow lights on the school crossing signs, at the cost of \$1,790. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

School Crossing
Lights
Approved.

Motion by Hammond, supported by B. Smith, to approve the purchase of 4 winter tires for the Tool Cat from Baroda Tires at the cost of \$189.00 each. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Tool Cat Tire
Purchase
Approved..

Motion by Hammond, supported by Bragg, to approve the quote from Taylor Excavating for \$3,500 to remove a fire hydrant on Center Street near the water tower, remove and plug the existing 2 inch hydrant valve, and to remove an existing 4 inch valve on the old water main line. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Hydrant
Removal
Approved.

Police: None.

Clerk: None.

Insurance: None.

Ordinance: None.

Fire Board: Chief Spiegel was present to give the first of a regular monthly report that he will be presenting, He handed the Commission copies of the North Berrien Fire Rescue Department Call Summary Report for July, 2010 and explained it. He gave an update on grants and also said that they have purchased 300 ten year smoke alarms to be furnished to mobile homes and low income people.

Treasurer: Motion by Bragg, supported by Hammond, to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Yes: J. Smith, Bragg, B. Smith, Hammond, Muenchow, Polashak. No: none. MOTION CARRIED. The ending fund balances for July, 2010 are as follows:

Fund Balances
Approved.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$199,028.17 |
| Savings—BTCU | 55,565.91 |
| Total General | 254,594.08 |
| MAJOR STREET FUND | 80,366.96 |
| LOCAL STREET FUND | 50,997.07 |
| SEWER & WATER | (101,905.02) |
| <u>DDA ACCOUNTS</u> | |
| DDA—In Common Cash | 38,967.72 |
| Checking | 10,052.50 |
| Savings | 83,738.04 |
| Total DDA | 132,758.26 |
| <u>BENEFIT ACCOUNTS</u> | |
| SAVINGS IN CHEMICAL | .61 |
| MMA ACCOUNT IN EDGEWATER | 209,680.65 |
| CD—BTCU | ----- |
| Total | 209,681.26 |
| TRUST & AGENCY | 185.30 |
| TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS | \$626,678.42 |

Heritage Committee: None.

Public Relations: None.

Correspondence: None.

Bob Robinson wanted to know what the Commission is going to do about a Master Plan. Mayor Polashak said that we are waiting for a quote.

Motion by B. Smith, supported by Hammond, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Darling, Clerk

James L. Polashak, Mayor