

**CITY OF COLOMA**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**September 25, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at Coloma City Hall at 7:30 pm by Mayor Hammond.

Present: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond, Clerk Clements

Visitors: Chana Kniebes, Mary Harrison, Wes Smigielski, Todd Bohle, Harold Bragg, Tony Bertuca, Bill Smith

**Pledge:** Clerk Clements led the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag.

Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Balkin, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the agenda. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Agenda Approval.**

**Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Smith motioned, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from September 11, 2023. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes Approval.**

**Comments from Citizens and Visitors:** Chana Kniebes Halloween Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 21 from 2 PM - 4 PM at the Salem Luthern Activity Field. The Coloma Rod and Gun Club is having more Halloween Fun from 3-7 PM. There will also be a Halloween Window Display Contest for downtown businesses and judging will be held on Friday, October 20.

Chana Kniebes  
Community  
Halloween  
Activities.

Mary Harrison shared they are having a book sale from 9 AM - 2 PM on October 21 and on October 11 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Mary from United Federal Credit Union will be at the Coloma Public Library to share information on how not to be scammed and food will be provided.

Mary Harrison,  
Coloma Library  
Book Sale and  
Bank Event.

**Special Recognition:** Mayor Hammond shared that Maureen Saultzman will be retiring on Friday, September 29 and there will be a luncheon from 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM at City Hall and all are welcome.

Maureen  
Saltzman  
Retirement  
Celebration

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Finance/Insurance:** Commissioner Freitag motioned, supported by Commissioner Clements to approve the August Treasurer's Report as presented. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report Motion Approval.**

**Public Works:** Commissioner Freitag motioned, supported by Commissioner Hicks to approve the financing of the new truck to be purchased as it is now available. The initial motion to proceed with ordering the truck on February 25, 2019. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Hammond DDA is contributing \$20,000 towards the purchase of the new truck.

**New Truck Purchase Motion Approval.**

**Police:** Police Chief Wes Smigielsky shared the August Police report with the city commissioners. Commissioner Clements motioned, supported by Commissioner Hicks to approve the police report as presented. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.** Chief shared that he attended the Medic 1 board meeting and they are moving forward with having another ambulance at Watervliet as well as in the city.

**Police Report Motion Approval.**

**Clerk:** None.

**Ordinance.** Commissioner Smith motioned, supported by Commissioner Clements to approve the Ordinance Report as presented. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ordinance Report Motion Approval.**

**Fire Board:** Commissioner Freitag shared that Chief Mattix on behalf of the fire department and the City of Coloma received a \$10,000 grant.

Fire Board Grant.

**Communications:** The splash pad fundraiser fashion show is sold out and the fundraiser thermometer has been set up in the park.

Splash pad fundraiser.

**Correspondence: None.**

**Adjournment:** Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment.

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Kelly Clements, Clerk

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Marsha Hammond, Mayor

