

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
October 23, 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: Todd Bohle, Sig Freitag, Bill Smith, Harold Bragg, Mary Harrison, Matt Quinn,
Tri-City Record reporter, Denise Donahoe

Pledge: Commissioner Clements led the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA
Flag.

Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Hicks 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 Clements to approve the Regular Commission
Meeting minutes from October 9, 2023. Yes: Balkin, Clements,
Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes
Approval.**

Comments from Citizens and Visitors: Harold Bragg commented that
we have to go to South Haven to look at St Joe and fewer trees downtown
than in both of those cities. Bragg remarks that he feels safe within our
community and thankful for the police chief and our support. Mayor
Hammond shared the picture from our local trunk or treat with our chief.

Harold Bragg,
citizen
comments.

Mary Harrison shared that the library has free covid tests if anyone in the
community needs one to get them. Mayor Hammond commented that they
may put trees near Badt Drive and True Value.

Mary Harrison,
Free Covid
Tests at the
Library.

Matt Quinn shared 3 calls within the city in September and shared an
update that effective September 16, remote ID (RID) is now required by the
FAA for all drone flights within US National Airspace. Commissioner
Freitag motioned, supported by Commissioner Hicks approved the Great
Lakes Rescue. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith,
Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Matt Qunn,
Great Lakes
Rescue Report
**MOTION
APPROVED.**

Special Recognition: Mayor Hammond shared the comments from
Chana Kniebes to thank all of those who participated in the community

Trunk or Treat. There were 20 trunks for the event. Commissioner Freitag commented that it was great that the rain held off for the event. Duffield Pastrick won the best Trunk at the event. The North Berrien Community Development and the Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce will present community awards on December 12. Commissioners are to rsvp to Chana if attending.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Hicks motioned, supported by Commissioner Balkin to cancel the December 25 meeting as it is a National Holiday. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Cancel
December 25
Meeting.
**MOTION
APPROVED.**

Finance/Insurance: Commissioner Smith shared there is a Treasurer's Report available for the commissioners to review.

Treasurers
Report.

Public Works: Commissioner Freitag thanked public works for their support of the Trunk or Treat event this weekend. Leaf pick-up will begin once residents start to put leaf piles out by the road.

Leaf Pick Up
Coming Soon.

Police: Commissioner Clements, supported by Commissioner Balkin to approve the September Activity Report containing police activities for the city. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Activity Report
**MOTION
APPROVED.**

Clerk: Clerk Clements shared that the city is entering an agreement with Berrien County to work together on early voting for 2024 along with several other county communities.

Early voting
update.

Ordinance. Commissioner Smith motioned, supported by Commissioner Freitag to approve the ordinance report as presented. Mayor Hammond commented that the residence on church street is being cleaned up and looking better. The resident next door has done a nice job updating her house as well. **Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ordinance
Report.
**MOTION
APPROVED.**

Fire Board: Commissioner Freitag shared the next fire board meeting is on November 7 at Coloma station at 7 PM. Commissioner Clements shared

Communications: Commissioner Balkin shared we had good coverage on the splashpad fundraiser and communicating heavily about events on Facebook.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment.

Kelly Clements, Clerk

Marsha Hammond, Mayor