

CITY OF COLOMA
Regular Commission Meeting
February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at Coloma City Hall at 7:30 pm by Mayor Hammond.
Present: Balkin, Freitag, Clements, Hicks, Smith, Mayor Hammond, Clerk Clements
Absent:

Visitors: Todd Bohle, Mike Mattix, Roger Jordan, Mary Harrison, Harold Bragg,
Matt Quinn, Dale Krietner

Pledge: Commissioner Hicks 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 January 22, 2024. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approval.

Comments from Citizens and Visitors: Dale Krietner on behalf of the Lions Club has approved a \$5,000 donation of matched donated funds and would like to work out fund donor details. Dale Krietner, Lions Club Donation Match.

Mary Harrison shared that the Coloma Public Library will celebrate 20 years and will share more details soon. Coloma Library 20 Years in 2024.

St. Patrick's Lighted Parade on March 16 along with the Coloma Public Library will have a book sale and a scavenger hunt with the North Berrien Historical Society. St. Patrick's Lighted Parade and Activities March 16.

Special Recognition: Mayor Hammond recognized Great Lakes Drone for the Lions light and show during the Lions game and the following week a special on the local news. It took 400 drones to make the lions. Great Lakes Drone Show.

Commission Clements commented on Coloma making the regional news regarding the tree trimming happening this week by Indiana Power in Coloma Township.

Tree Trimming.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Hammond reminded the commissioners regarding a short-term rental meeting at City Hall at 6:30 PM with Jessica Fette.

Commissioner workshop
February 13 at
6:30 PM

New Business: Fire Chief Mike Mattix shared the details regarding the 24/25 Capital Purchases. Roger Jordan was able to work with a partner to fix our signage for a lower than budgeted cost of \$5,000. They would like to use the remaining budgeted funds for the sign and fund balance dollars to cover the cost of the Fire Chief's new vehicle. In addition, they want to purchase new incident reporting software for the upcoming new compliance requirements and hire a consultant to review the department software. The department would also like to replace the portable radios for staff to replace current radios and SCBA air bottle replacement. The fire chief is also asking for 1,000 sq feet of addition and renovations of Station 2 for 3 new offices, a training area, and Medic 1 facilities. They would like to use fund balance money for those capital improvements and need approval from the municipalities. Commission Clements asked regarding the need to move Medic 1 to Station 2 and regarding the improvements needed to Station 1's driveway. Chief Mattix confirmed that Station 1's parking lot was repaired last summer. Commission Hicks inquired about the estimated cost of the renovation.

Fire Board
Capital
Purchases
Update for
2024-2025

Roger Jordan commented that the plan has always been to renovate Station 2 with additional space for Medic 1 and more space for the needed staff. Roger Jordan thanked the municipal leaders and fire board members for their consideration. Chief stated they also looked at putting in place a standalone building, but that was cost-prohibitive.

Commissioner Freitag, Hicks motioned to approve the capital purchases presented to the city commissioners. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

**Fire Board
Capital
Purchases
MOTION
APPROVAL.**

Mayor Hammond commented that our new absentee voter dropbox was installed within the city hall.

Absentee Voter
Ballot Dropbox

Mayor Hammond shared the Great Lakes Rescue report. Commissioner Freitag thanked Matt Quinn and his team for their work within our community. Matt Quinn shared Great Lakes Drone is working with the fire department on the cost of the radios. Matt also shared they are expanding to the building next door for expanded training and business opportunities.

Great Lakes Drone update.

Commissioner Hicks motioned to approve the Great Lakes Drone use property behind public works for drone show, supported by Commissioner Clements. Yes: Balkin, Clements, Freitag, Hicks, Churchill, Smith, Mayor Hammond. No: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

Great Lakes Drone Property MOTION APPROVAL.

Finance/Insurance: None.

Public Works: None.

Police: None.

Clerk: None.

Ordinance: Commissioner Smith motioned, supported by Commissioner Freitag 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: Chief Mattix shared an update that the chassis will be completed by KEM by January 2025.

Communications: None.

Correspondence: None.

Chana Kniebes also mentioned that the Tri-City Record is celebrating their 40 years of their family owned business on February 24 with a presentation at 2 PM at the museum.

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

Kelly Clements, Clerk

Marsha Hammond, Mayor

