



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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### Vision Statement

*The City of Cologne is a vibrant small town that respects its heritage, embraces its future and offers a high quality of life for all who live, work and visit our community.*

Mayor: Matt Lein  
Councilmember: Carol Szaroletta  
Councilmember: Sarah Bruss  
Councilmember: Rachel Lenzen  
Councilmember: Vacant

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**NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF DISCUSSION. TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 PM.**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Matt Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Bruss and Szaroletta were present. Council Member Lenzen was absent. Also present: City Administrator Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Michelle Morrison, Fire Chief Nick Joos, and Heidi Holks, Director Carver County Library.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to add under Consent Agenda item e. Inn Town Enterprises, Inc. Liquor License Renewal Application pending satisfactory completion of paperwork and payment of all required amounts. And, item f. Resolution 19-07 Approving the Sale of Excess Property. Also added under Council Business Betsy Pysick discussion with Council on Gaga Pit. Council Member Bruss made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Joos thanked the council for attending the new Fire Vehicle presentation. He also updated the council that there are currently 4 new CFD applicants attending a Meet & Greet tonight at the station. Interviews and testing will be conducted and the target is August 1 to have a recommendation to the council on hires. The new CFD candidates would be starting training shortly thereafter. Additionally, Chief shared that the Relief Association is researching the possibility of donating funds to cover permanent first aid kits at City Parks. He will be bringing back that proposal to the council with pricing at a later date.

#### **5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed below are considered routine and non-controversial by the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember, Staff or Citizen. If removed, the item will be discussed at the end of the regular agenda.

- a. May 6, 2019 Minutes**
- b. May 14, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- c. May 20, 2019 Check Summary Register**
- d. May 20, 2019 Fire Department Check Summary Register**
- e. Inn Town Enterprises, Inc. Liquor License Renewal Application pending satisfactory completion of paperwork and payment of all required amounts.**
- f. Resolution 19-07 Approving the Sale of Excess Property**

After answering Council's questions, a motion was made by Council Member Bruss to adopt the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **a. Heidi Holks – Director, Carver County Library**

Heidi Holks provided the annual update to the Council on Library Operations. Highlights included the value of shared resources with the 7 County Metro Libraries, outreach programs for early readers and senior citizens and programs showcasing the Library's commitment to the community.

##### **b. Benton Lake Fountain**

Mayor Lein shared that an electric quote was received covering the power needs for the fountain running off the lift station. There is adequate power at the lift station, so long as the lift station, aerators and fountain are not all running at the same time, which all agreed would not happen as the aerator runs in winter and the fountain in the summer. The electric bid was roughly \$2,366 and the fountain equipment was roughly \$15,500. Don Smith noted that \$13,000 had already been raised towards the project. He also noted that the fountain will help, but not be a cure for the lake's problems. Council Member Bruss made a motion to move forward with the purchase and installation of the

Benton Lake Fountain as presented using both funds already raised and city funds. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Betsy Pysick – Gaga Pit**

Betsy Pysick came before the Council to share an idea the Glad Days committee has been working on – using the funds they had raised to build a new 28 Ft. diameter Gaga Pit which would replace the existing sand box in City Square Park. The group was looking for help from the public works department to help level the area where the pit would be placed. Brian Vos, Public Works Supervisor, was in attendance and said they would be happy to help with the project. Council Member Bruss made a motion authorizing the help of Public Works staff to construct the Gaga Pit with funds from the Glad Days Committee. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Recognition of Civic Groups at Glad Days**

Council Member Szaroletta shared with the Council the concept of repurposing the City Council Booth at Glad Days to be more focused on recognizing all the volunteer organizations that help make the city a better place. The idea of making a schedule with specific timeframes where representatives from the various groups can join a Council Member at the booth was discussed. Posting the schedule allows people who want to learn more about the specific groups to plan to stop in and visit knowing someone would be present to talk with. The Council liked the idea and it was agreed that Council Member Szaroletta would take charge of contacting groups and creating the schedule.

**e. Resolution 19-06 Property Address Change**

Administrator Dickson explained to the Council the need to adopt this resolution. In the Carver County GIS system, there is a home on Benton Creek Ave that has the same address as Meadow Creek. This resolution assigns a new address to the park, which is most important for Emergency Services. Motion by Council Member Bruss to adopt the Resolution changing the property address. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Audit Workshop June 17th 6:00p.m.**

Administrator Dickson is requesting that, as in previous years, a workshop be set for 6:00 p.m. prior to the June 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to invite the Auditors in to review the 2018 audit. Motion by Council Member Szaroletta to call for a workshop on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Second by Council Member Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD REPORT**

**a. Sheriff Report - April, 2019**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Lein shared that the Cologne Fire Relief Association has donated funds to add an additional water feature to the splash pad. Motion by Council Member Bruss authorizing the city to purchase an additional water feature to be reimbursed from Cologne Fire Relief Association Donation. Second by Council Member Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. ADJOURN**


Motion by Council Member Szaroletta to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Second by Council Member Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle Morrison, City Clerk



Matt Lein, Mayor