



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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: Nathan Kells

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 Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilmembers Bruss, Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator – Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison and City Engineer – Jake Saulsbury.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

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. July 15, 2019 Minutes**
- b. July 23, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- c. August 6, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- d. August 5, 2019 Check Summary Register**
- e. Conrad Pay Application #5 - Final**
- f. Lions Temp Liquor Permit September 19**
- g. St. Bernard's Temp Liquor Permit October 5**
- h. St. Bernard's Gambling Permit October 5**

After answering questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Lenzen to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Gaga Pit Invoice

Betsy Pysick came before the Council to provide an update on Glad Days. The committee is looking at an expanded Glad Days Celebration in 2021 as that will be the 20th Anniversary of celebrating Glad Days and is also the City of Cologne's 140th Year. Ms. Pysick also thanked the Council for allowing the Public Works employees to help with construction of the Gaga Pit. The project was larger than anticipated, needing to excavate the area, and refill with pea rock. The unexpected expense came to \$2,652.62. The majority of that was the pea rock. Ms. Pysick was asking if the invoice could be paid from the City Park budget. Administrator Dickson advised that there were sufficient funds to cover the bill. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to pay the outstanding bill of \$2,652.62. Second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution 19-12 Approving Feasibility Study

Jake Saulsbury provided the Council an executive summary of the recently completed Street and Utility Reconstruction Project Feasibility Study. Items discussed included the scope of the project, estimates of costs and assessments, financing and a discussion of the project schedule. The Council also discussed a Public Hearing date and format. Burying overhead utilities was discussed at length, the project cost of \$518,000 included in the study is just an estimate while waiting to get a firm number from Xcel. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-12 A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY & CALLING FOR THE HEARING FOR THE STREET & UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Noise Ordinance Amendment

Administrator Dickson reviewed the Ordinance Amendments to Section 95.18 of the City Code Relating to Public Nuisances provided by Attorney Harris. Additionally, he shared with the Council the information that he received from the Carver County CSO who conducted noise decibel readings over the course of 4 weekend nights. While generally in compliance before 10 P.M. there were multiple violations of the noise ordinance after 10 P.M. when the noise levels are more restrictive. He then covered the question of enforcement of the Ordinance. Administrator Dickson asked the Council for direction on next steps for enforcing. While prosecution could happen for the violations already established with the 4 nights of monitoring, in order to prosecute for any future complaints on violations, monitoring would have to continue. Councilmember Bruss stated that monitoring was not intended to be a long term solution. The Council wanted to collect data to determine if the Noise Ordinance is being violated – which it is. She then shared that she felt the Council should move forward and add the Amendments into our existing Ordinance. Enforcement was discussed and practicalities on responding to complaints and collecting data on each complaint. Mayor Lein stated that the difficulties in getting data and prosecuting could be resolved by adopting the ordinance including the section with no outdoor music, live or recorded after 10:00 P.M. Further discussion was had about the particulars of this proposed section. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Section 95.18 of the City Code Relating to Public Nuisances affecting Peace and Safety. Second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Cologne Fire Dept. Relief Association Calendar Sponsorship

Administrator Dickson shared with the Council that the CFD Relief Calendar is sent annually to all in their protection area and he was looking to support the Relief Association thru sponsorship in the Calendar. The Council shared his support and liked the idea.

7. BOARD REPORT

Administrator Dickson reviewed a summary of data received from the Speed Signs that were purchased and posted in various areas around the City.

Mayor Lein shared with the Council that the Personnel Committee had discussed an email from Kelly Dohm suggesting that the City conduct Mandatory Offensive Behavior Training and Legislative Update – for all Employees/Councilmembers/Commission members and highly recommended for the Fire Department as well. Training on this topic has not happened at the City since the early 2000's. It was determined that the Council and Planning Commission would have the training August 19 from 5:30 – 7 P.M. Administrator Dickson will coordinate setting up the training for employees and talk to Chief Joos about offering it to the Cologne Fire Department.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lein handed out and encouraged Councilmembers to attend a Community Gathering at Modern Design Cabinetry on September 19 introducing the Cologne Community Fund.

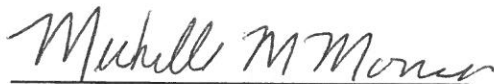
9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M., second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison, City Clerk



Matt Lein, Mayor