



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 19, 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 CFD Fire Chief - Nick Joos.

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. August 5, 2019 Minutes**
- b. August 20, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- c. August 19, 2019 Check Summary**

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Chief Nick Joos, Cologne Fire & Rescue

Chief Joos updated the Council on the 4 new CFD members. One is already fully trained, the other 3 have started their training. There have been many opportunities for community outreach this past month, at the Carver County Fair, Glad Days, National Night Out and the Drive-In. Currently they are getting ready for Fire Prevention Month in October when they will be visiting the kids in schools.

b. Derek Jensen, Pounders Bar

Derek Jensen and Matt Waldack came before the Council to discuss the recent Noise Ordinance revisions that were adopted. Both Derek and Matt met with Mayor Lein the previous week. They stated they were surprised by the data that the City collected. They have been monitoring their noise levels trying to be in compliance, but there was a misunderstanding of where the point of complaint was and where sound readings should be taken.

The bar has contracted with bands for the next 6 weekends and would like to come to an arrangement where they could go forward with the bands. Mr. Jensen has purchased new sound equipment with which they can control noise levels much more accurately. Prior to this purchase, the band had control of their own sound equipment. Acoustic panels have also been looked into, as well as higher fencing, all while talking to an Acoustic Engineer to help get the noise problem solved. Both Jensen and Waldack agreed that they have had some growing pains as they work through the process of adding bands to the bar, but they are trying to continuously improve the situation.

Councilmember Lenzen asked Jensen and Waldack what they were hoping to get out of coming to the Council Meeting. Mr Waldack stated the ideal situation would be to have what they had before the ordinance amendment to finish out the 6 weekends. Further discussion was had on decibel levels and the specific hours. Councilmembers noted

that noise complaints after 10 p.m. on weekends are not isolated to neighbors of the bar. Complaints have been received from all areas of the City on the volume of noise. There was more discussion about the impact the new ordinance would have on the business. Councilmembers reiterated that the bar could still have bands, they just needed to be inside after 10pm. Mayor Lein stated the Council could either a) grant the business a reprieve for a set number weeks while the bar gets their ducks in a row or hold out. Councilmember Lenzen stated she was not comfortable making an arrangement without all affected parties in agreement. Councilmember Bruss stated that the Council makes decisions on behalf of all the citizens and the decision was no bands outside after 10 p.m. That decision was based on data. Discussions continued.

Mr. Jensen stated he just wanted a second chance. Councilmember Lenzen asked if anyone was even willing to vote on this tonight. Mayor Lein stated he was but that clearly he was in the minority. He suggested not voting on anything tonight. The Mayor's direction to Mr. Jensen was to test their new equipment, get some data on their behalf, with the ordinance as it currently is, and come back to the City Council in 2 weeks, stating he would put them back on the agenda. He further stated that he would like to see some consistent numbers within the ordinance – using the new sound equipment that they are getting.

Mr. Jensen stated that next weekend, with the band outside, he was confident he could get sound barriers hung on the fence for testing purposes. The Mayor reiterated that it still includes a 10 P.M. shutdown.

7. BOARD REPORT

a. July Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M., second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

September 2	Monday	Labor Day - Offices Closed
September 3	Tuesday	6:00PM Planning Commission Meeting

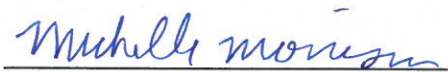
September 3
September 16

Tuesday
Monday

7:00PM City Council Mtg/Public Improvement Hearing
7:00PM City Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison, City Clerk



Matt Lein, Mayor