



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 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 PM. Councilmembers Bruss, Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator – Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison and City Planner - Cindy Nash of Collaborative Planning.

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

Fire Chief Nick Joos came before the council to provide an update. The new fire fighters have completed the first two phases of fire training and will be doing their

medical training this winter. The department was looking forward to the auto extraction training that was occurring on Tuesday, November 19 with the City Councilmembers as victims in the autos.

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. November 4, 2019 Minutes**
- b. November 12, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- c. November 18, 2019 Check Summary**
- d. Cologne Lions Liquor Permit 12-14-2019**
- e. Pheasants Forever Gambling Permit 2-22-2020**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. PUBLIC HEARING: Unpaid Utilities

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lein asked if anyone at the meeting wished to speak. There being no one, a motion was made by Councilmember Kells, second by Councilmember Bruss to close the hearing at 7:04 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution 19-20 Adopting and Certifying Liens of Delinquent Utilities

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt Resolution 19-20 Certifying Liens of Delinquent Utilities, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

c. PUBLIC HEARING: 307 Pleasant St E Variance Denial Appeal

Motion by Councilmember Kells to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lein asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. James Meuwissen, owner of the property at 307 Pleasant St E, who filed for the appeal of his variance denial spoke. He shared with the Council that he had obtained signatures of support for his shed from 37 neighbors, only 1 individual did not sign. He also stated that the existing shed on his property would be taken down if the new shed was approved, that the new shed would have the same siding as on his home and also same roof. Bernie Shambour and Paula Stephens also spoke in support of the shed. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to close the hearing at 7:18 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

d. 307 Pleasant St E Variance Denial Appeal

Mayor Lein then opened discussion with the Councilmembers on the appeal. City Planner, Cindy Nash was asked for input on her memo from October 4, 2019 in which she provided an overview of the variance request. She discussed the three questions that need to be considered when evaluating a variance request. 1.) Is the request a reasonable use of the land not permitted by the Zoning Ordinance? 2.) Is the plight of the landowner due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner? And 3.) Will the variance, if granted, alter the essential character of the locality? Discussion was had on the current zoning ordinance and the possibility of changing it. The need for a new survey of the property was discussed to verify the side yard setback of at least 10 feet. The consensus of the Council was to direct Ms. Nash to develop a resolution for Council consideration that addresses findings on the questions to be considered, and also includes conditions that must be met to approve the variance which would include, matching siding and roof, removal of existing shed and a survey to verify setbacks are met. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to table the Appeal for discussion at the December 2, 2019 Council meeting, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Meuwissen asked if he needed to get his yard surveyed, Ms. Nash replied it would be required prior to a building permit being issued so if he wanted to start that process he could.

7. BOARD REPORT

a. October Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Bruss shared an email that she had received from a parent that belongs to a group of families that home school their children. The group of approximately 20 students rents the gym at the community center and was asking if a discounted rate could be developed for their use. The Mayor indicated that the Council reviews the fee schedule annually in December to set rates for the next year and would consider the request through that process.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

December 2	Monday	6:00PM Planning Commission Meeting
December 2	Monday	7:00PM City Council Meeting

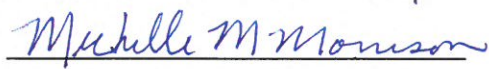
December 14
December 16

Saturday
Monday

Cologne Lions Christmas in the Park
7:00PM City Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison, City Clerk



Matt Lein, Mayor