



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

**VIRTUAL MEETING URL:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4240249600>

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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: Nathan Kells

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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 Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Bruss, Kells and Szaroletta were all present via Zoom. Councilmember Lenzen was absent. Also present via Zoom were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk – Michelle Morrison.

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

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. 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. December 7, 2020 City Council Minutes**
- b. December 21, 2020 Check Summary Register**
- c. December 8, 2020 Payroll Summary**
- d. December 22, 2020 Payroll Summary**
- e. Quarter 3-4 CFD Payroll Summary**
- f. Annual City Council & Planning Commission Payroll Summary**
- g. 2020 Streets & Utilities Payment Request No. 7**

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

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

##### **a. Tom Kasel, Cologne Fire Department Relief Association**

President of the Cologne Fire Dept Relief Association came before the Council to provide an update on the Financial Position of the Relief Association's Pension Fund and review the planned increase in benefit payout from \$1,500 to \$1,750 for each year of service. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve the proposed benefit payment of \$1,750 per year of service effective with retirements after January 1, 2021, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Joos provided an update to the Council on the increased number of calls and that the entire Department was eligible for and starting to receive the Covid 19 vaccinations.

##### **b. PUBLIC HEARING: Truth in Taxation Hearing**

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to open the Truth in Taxation Hearing, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Lein asked if anyone had comments for the hearing. There being none, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reviewed the proposed Budget and Tax Levy with the Council. Jake Saulsbury of Bolton Menk joined the meeting and discussed the Market Lane improvements. Total cost is projected to be \$58,000. Timing and assessing were discussed. The consensus of the Council was to not assess the project. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to authorize the reconstruction of Market Lane, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Resolution 20-28 Approving 2021 Budget**

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt Resolution 20-28 Approving the 2021 Budget, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Resolution 20-29 Approving Final Tax Levy Collectible 2021**

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt Resolution 20-29 Approving Final Tax Levy Collectible 2021, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Amendment to 2020-2021 Police Contract**

Administrator Dickson reviewed the proposed amendment to the Police Contract, adding a claw back clause if the contract is cancelled. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve the Amendment to the 2020-2021 Police Contract, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. Annual Appointments 2021**

Annual appointments to serve on committee's was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to keep assignments the same as 2020, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. 2021 City Holidays**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the 2021 City Holiday Schedule as presented, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. November Sheriff Report**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

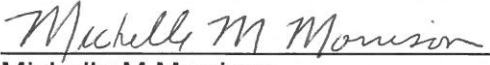
Mayor Lein discussed the possibility of Councilmembers taping the reading of preschool appropriate books to be played at the local preschool. All Councilmembers were supportive of the idea. Administrator Dickson will work out the details.

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


**10. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:45PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Michelle M Morrison  
City Clerk

Attest:

  
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Matt Lein  
Mayor