



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 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

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 Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present via Zoom. Also present via Zoom were City Administrator Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison, City Planner – Cindy Nash and City Attorney – Larry Harris. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. 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. January 4, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. January 13, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. January 19, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- d. January 19, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- e. Resolution 21-02 Resolution Declaring Public Interest for WWTP Ditch Cleanout**

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Cologne Hollanders to Discuss:

i. Liquor License Issues

Jared Kuerschner and Craig Pexa came before the council to discuss issues with the state of Minnesota being the only state left with 3.2 beer and the difficulty in getting it for the baseball games. Neighboring towns have been able to make arrangements to serve strong beer and seltzer only. There would need to be a change in the current fee schedule. Administrator Dickson will work with these towns and come back to a future council meeting with a recommendation.

ii. Capital Improvement Plan for bathrooms facilities at Fritz Field

Mr. Kuerschner and Mr. Pexa discussed with the Council the desire to improve the bathroom facilities at Fritz Field. Currently there is no walking path up to the existing facilities, and if a new structure were to be built it would require the laying of a new sewer line. The next step in discussion will be Mr. Pexa sharing designs that have been used in neighboring ball parks and have more discussion with the City Administrator.

b. 218 Lake Street West IUP Hearing

Mayor Lein updated the Council on his conversations with the tenant of property at 218 Lake Street West and the tenant's long term plans for the property and adjacent

property. City Planner Cindy Nash shared that amending the existing IUP would involve sending the amendment back to the planning commission and holding a public hearing. Given that plans are not final for the property, attorney Harris advised that the proper procedure would be for the Council to continue the hearing on a specific date.

Council discussed the violations of the existing IUP around exterior lighting and land erosion.

Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to continue the 218 Lake Street West Hearing to April 5 with the understanding that:

- The property owner and/or tenant immediately shut off exterior light on west side of property,
- The property owner and/or tenant provide information on the existing lights located on the North, South and East sides of building to City Administration for Ordinance Compliance, and
- The Property Owner and/or Tennant provide more detailed information for long term intent of property in the form of a new IUP.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Cologne Fitness Center Re-Opening Update

City Administrator Dickson updated the Council on the operations of the Fitness Center under the latest Covid guidelines and the possibility of beginning to charge members for membership starting February 15. After discussion about the limited number of members allowed at the current time and with the uncertainty of changes in the near future, the consensus was to continue with not charging member's the monthly membership fee and to revisit the issue at the March 15th Council Meeting.

d. Personnel Recommendations

Administrator Dickson discussed the proposed compensation changes for 2021 that he had shared with the Council's Personnel Committee. In summary the salary scale had 2% put on it for inflation and each employee would move up one step. After answering questions from Councilmembers, a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Councilmember Kells, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. December 2020 Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lein updated the Council on discussion he and City Administrator Dickson have been having about upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A more complete discussion would occur in June or July.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

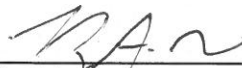
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:14 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor