



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 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

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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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present via Zoom. Also present via Zoom were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk - Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Kells was absent.

### **2. ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Lein asked to update the agenda, moving Carver County Library visitor Heidi Hoks to the April 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and adding Betsy Pysick under Visitor Presentations for an update on Glad Days. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

### **3. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

Betsy Pysick joined the meeting via Zoom to provide an update to the Council on 2021 Glad Days Planning. The organization is now officially filed with the State and is a for profit organization. Plans are moving along; the biggest obstacle is parade route and State Hwy 284. Administrator Dickson has a meeting scheduled with the State for Friday and will send info to Betsy to join the meeting. Betsy asked that the City continue past practice of covering the cost of porta potties and garbage collection.

### **4. 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. **March 15, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. **March 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**
- c. **March 22, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- d. **April 5, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- e. **March 30, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- f. **Suburban Waste Services Hauler's License Renewal**
- g. **Burky's Annual Liquor License Renewal**
- h. **Pounders Annual Liquor License Renewal**
- i. **Inn Town Wine & Spirits Liquor License Renewal**
- j. **Cologne Hollanders Liquor License Application**
- k. **CGPI Grant Reimbursement**
- l. **Resolution 21-05 Rehiring Seasonal Workforce**
- m. **City/County Fish Barrier Cost Share Agreement**

Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- n. **Nick Joos, Cologne Fire Chief**
  - i. **Firefighter Recruitment**

Fire Chief Joos, joined the meeting via Zoom and updated the Council on recent retirements from the department and the potential for further retirements as several members become eligible to retire in the next few years. To aid a successful transition during this time, Chief Joos is recommending advertising for recruitment of new firefighter members now. Posting would be live April 6, 2021 and stay open to applicants until May 15. There will not be a specific number of recruits hired. The Chief would come back to Council at a future date requesting authorization of hiring based on the number of qualified applications received. Fire Training Academy would begin in

August and is a 120-hour commitment. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to authorize the recruitment of firefighters as discussed, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

**o. Planning Commission Update re: Freedom Storage**

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City Planner Cindy Nash joined the meeting via Zoom and updated the Council on the discussion held at the Planning Commission meeting earlier in the evening. She discussed that the City Ordinances are not strong in this area – there are no violations of ordinances currently noted at the property. Existing Ordinances state that site plans are required only when a building permit is required. None of the changes that have occurred on the property have required a building permit. Updated ordinances could tighten the Site Plan review process and that would allow for more monitoring by the City as a property develops. Ms. Nash stated that had there been a site plan requirement, she would have asked for a lighting plan. The recommendation from the Planning Commission was that Administrator Dickson work with the property owner to resolve lighting issues.

Mayor Lein recommended that the Planning Commission review the ordinance and recommend changes as described by Ms. Nash.

A citizen asked the Council how it was possible that Industrial trucks are parking at the location at night and leaving during the day and that it appears there is both a fence and lights that have been installed that were never approved. Ms. Nash stated that while a fence application should have been filed with the City and approved, no permit was required for the lights. Mayor Lein asked that when Administrator Dickson talks to the property owner, he inquire into the owner's willingness to add a screened fence and adapt the lights to include dimmers.

**q. Continuation of Hearing, 218 Lake Street West**

- i. IUP Violation Letter 11-24-2020**
- ii. IUP Revocation Notice 12-22-2020**
- iii. January 19, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- iv. Bernie Shambour Memo March 30, 2021**

Derrick Jensen joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the property he currently rents at 218 Lake Street West. He updated the council that all exterior lights have been removed while new siding is put on the building and that the replacement lights will be downward facing and have dimmers.

Mayor Lein raised the drainage issue on the north side of the property and the proposed recommendations to sod 10 ft. in from the property line. Mr. Jensen stated that before he can sod, issues with locating the sewer line need to be resolved. The property is going to be excavated this week to locate the sewer line.

Discussion was had on amending the current IUP or submitting a new IUP that encompasses the long-term plan for the property. After discussion, the consensus was that amending the current IUP was the preferred option.

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to continue the current IUP with Mr. Jensen submitting a proposed IUP Amendment Application and Site Plan by April 30, 2021, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. BOARD REPORTS**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**


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

**8. ADJOURN**

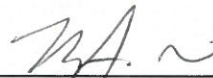
Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adjourn at 8:25 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison  
City Clerk



Matt Lein  
Mayor