



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 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 and City Engineer Jake Saulsbury from Bolton and Menk. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein asked to update the agenda to add under Council Business a request for Gambling Permit for the Cologne Lions for a May 22, 2021 Drive-in Bingo. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

3. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

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. April 5, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. April 19, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. April 13, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. CGPI Grant Reimbursement #2**

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

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Jake Saulsbury, Bolton & Menk

i. Market Lane Improvements Award Letter

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed the 5 bids received for this project, the low bid was \$30,934.30 and the high bid was \$56,426.00. The low bid was 23% below the engineer's estimate of \$40,414.50. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to award the Market Lane Improvements project to the low bidder, GMH Asphalt for \$30,934.30, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

ii. Highway 284 Retaining Wall Award Letter

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed the two bids received for this project. The total project includes many different projects: Trail Repair, Retaining Wall Repair, Cross Walk and Water Main improvements. The bids came in higher than anticipated – the low bid was \$439,888 and the high bid was \$485,290. There will be additional costs associated with the project that could add at least \$25,000 to move utilities in the project area.

Administrator Dickson explained that the individual projects must all be done together, and he would like to have a discussion with Baker Tilly on financing options or the concept of rolling other City projects into this project and bond for more. Mr. Saulsbury explained that bids are valid for 60 days so there is time to do the research. The consensus of the Council was to table the discussion while Administrator Dickson investigates financing options.

b. Nancy Williams, Freedom Storage Lights

Ms. Williams shared her concerns with multiple changes to the Freedom Storage property since she moved into the area. She detailed multiple ordinance's that she

believes have been violated while the property has evolved – including unapproved fences being installed, lighting that violated the glare ordinance, parking lots expanding with gravel and being used for storage and parking of heavy equipment - more like a contractor yard which is not approved with the current commercial zoning, and no building permit obtained for the accessory structure that has been erected which looks to be over the 1,000 sq ft size limit. Ms. Williams stated that she believed all these issues were going to be addressed by the City Planner, Cindy Nash – but she felt the only issues addressed were the lack of a site plan and the lighting issue.

Mayor Lein stated that the property does not abut any residential property which complicates ordinance violations.

Resident Bernie Shambour shared that to his recollection only one permit has been pulled for the property back in 2012. Any changes since that original permit was pulled have not been approved.

After discussion, the consensus was that all issues need to be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to establish if there are any Ordinance violations and report back to the City Council for action on any violations. Ms. Williams asked if she could be put on the agenda for the planning and zoning meeting and the Mayor clarified to Administrator Dickson to be sure Ms. Williams was on the agenda. City Clerk Morrison asked Ms. Williams to summarize all the specific ordinance violations and issues with the property that she wants the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City to respond to in a written document. The document would be included with the packet and sent to the City Planner ahead of time to keep the process moving.

c. Gambling License Cologne Lions Drive-in Bingo

The Cologne Lions submitted a gambling license request today for their Drive-in Bingo planned for May 22, 2021. The license covers bingo and a raffle. The request was added to the agenda to allow for adequate processing time for the event. Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to approve the gambling license, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

6. BOARD REPORTS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Dickson shared with Council that 2 CFD firefighters are submitting retirement letters, they have served 19 and 21 years for the Cologne Fire Department. Consensus of the Council was to invite both firefighters to a future “in person” Council meeting for recognition.

Mr. Dickson also shared that the City Attorney for the past 41 years, Larry Harris, will be retiring from Melchert, Hubert and Sjodin in June. The firm has served the City well and represents all the cities in Carver County. After discussion, the consensus was to

remain with the firm and request that the goal be that the City have one designated contact at the firm to manage all legal issues.

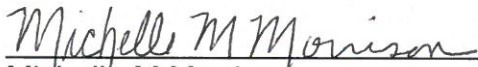
8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

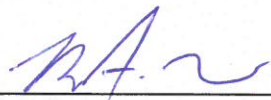
Motion by Councilmember Kells to adjourn at 8:03 PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor