



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 3, 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 Bruss, Kells and Szaroletta were present via Zoom. Also present via Zoom were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk – Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

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

3. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Don Smith, Benton Lake Conservancy

Don Smith joined the Council via Zoom to provide an update to the Lake Benton restoration project. The fish population has been growing and there is a desire to expand canoe and kayak access. Mr. Smith said the proposal is to get several loads of red rock and hoped that Public Works staff could spread the rock. Also, a 20-foot dock would be built off this access using floats that are in the City Shed. The dock would not be required to be removed in the winter. Mayor Lein asked Mr. Smith if we needed State or DNR approval to put rock down and if we could put signage up that no motorized boats were allowed. Mayor Lein then asked Administrator Dickson to check with public works on the availability of the floats and to get an estimate on the rock. The item will be on the next council meeting agenda to discuss further.

b. Jason Kuerschner – Cologne Hollanders

Jason Kuerschner updated the Council on the opening weekend of the Cologne Hollanders Baseball team and issues all Baseball Town Teams are having with the limited supply of obtaining 3.2 beer. Minnesota is the only state that still has 3.2 beer, and many producers are not making it anymore – the State is slow to respond with Legislation to allow ball clubs to serve strong beer.

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 19, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. May 3, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. April 27, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. Q1 Cologne Fire Department Payroll**
- e. Cologne House Cafe Annual Liquor License Renewal**
- f. Cologne Hollander's 3.2% Application**
- g. Hildi Consulting Contract 2020-2021**

After clarifying to Council that the State had given the City verbal confirmation of Hollander's 3.2 Application on Friday but the City has not received the written documents, and Cologne House Café renewal is also not officially received back from the State – in an effort to expediate approval and not call a special meeting, Councilmember Kells made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with items e and f being contingent on receiving proper paperwork from the state, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Annual mill & overlay project quotes**
 - i. Wm Mueller & Sons Quote**

ii. GMH Asphalt Quote

Administrator Dickson reviewed the quotes for the annual project with the Council. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to accept the low bid from Wm Mueller & Sons for a cost not to exceed \$28,500., second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Highway 284 Retaining Wall Financing Estimate

Administrator Dickson reported back to the Council on the Highway 284 retaining wall project. In discussions with the State, he shared that the Highway 284 road replacement project is now scheduled for 2027 and should not impact the retaining wall, sewer upgrade and trail repair that this project encompasses. Financing options discussed included a loan for just the project spread over 5 or 10 years, and an option that included adding funds to replace the Public Works street sweeper which is 25 years old and broke down this spring. Repair estimates for the equipment are not justified given the age. Security Bank has very favorable interest rates and loan terms. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with including the equipment replacement with the project and directed Administrator Dickson to get firm estimates on the cost of the street sweeper and bring the item back to Council for approval.

c. Bernie Shambour 218 W Lake Street Presentation

Cologne resident Bernie Shambour shared his frustrations with the property abutting his residence and issues with lighting, parking, impervious surface, site plan, fencing and drainage. After discussion Administrator Dickson was asked to contact Mr. Jensen and get an update on the laying of sod and getting drainage socks laid in the NE corner of the property to address drainage/erosion issues. Additionally, Administrator Dickson was asked to invite Mr. Jensen to the May 17 Council Meeting to have an update on the property.

6. BOARD REPORTS

a. March Sheriff Report

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

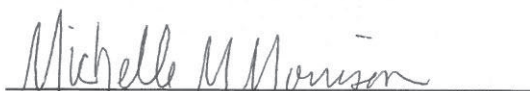
8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:10 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk


Matt Lein
Mayor