



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present via Zoom. Also present via Zoom were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison and City Planner – Cindy Nash.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

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

3. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Nancy Williams - Freedom Storage Site Plan Petition

Ms. Williams stated she wanted to request a Site Plan Review for Freedom Storage. Mayor Lein explained that there was a joint meeting of the Council and Planning Commission after this meeting to be held at Freedom Storage to view alleged ordinance violations.

b. Janet Fahey – Arts Consortium Carver County

Ms. Fahey explained to the Council the various activities and classes offered through the Arts Consortium and invited the City to participate in the upcoming Purple Reigns program to “Paint the County Purple in the month of June to honor Prince”. After discussion various options available, Councilmembers Lenzen and Bruss volunteered to work with City Staff to review and implement options.

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. May 3, 2021 City Council Minutes

b. May 17, 2021 Check Summary Register

c. May 11, 2021 Payroll Summary

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

5. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Lake Benton Canoe Pier

Don Smith shared with the Council the estimates he had gotten for construction of a Canoe Pier on Lake Benton. Councilmember Bruss asked Mr. Smith if he had gotten approval from the DNR for the project and resolved signage to be posted stating no motorized boats were allowed on the lake. Mr. Smith had not resolved those items. Councilmember Bruss made a motion authorizing the City contributing up to \$720 towards the construction of the canoe pier contingent on receiving written approval for the project from the DNR prior to work beginning, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Highway 284 Retaining Wall and Streetsweeper

Administrator Dickson provided an update to the council that public works is getting bids for a new street sweeper to be financed with the Retaining Wall project. Action would be requested in June.

c. Derek Jensen 218 West Lake Street IUP

i. IUP Revocation Letter 11-24-20

ii. 218 West Lake Street IUP Revocation

iii. April 5, 2021 City Council Minutes

Mayor Lein reviewed the history of the Interim Use Permit for property at 218 West Lake Street. April 30 was the deadline for Mr. Jensen to submit forward progress on the current IUP or submit a new IUP. Nothing has been received to date and there are unresolved issues, specifically gravel has not been removed, no sod has been laid, lighting is still an issue and no erosion logs have been laid to slow water drainage on neighboring property. Mr. Jensen joined the meeting via phone and shared that he thought all outstanding issue had been taken care of. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Jensen would meet with Mr. Dickson the next day to get clarification on the items that need to be done and would show progress by the June 7th Council Meeting. Mr. Jensen also agreed to get the erosion logs in place by the end of the week.

d. Water, Sewer, Stormwater Utility Rates Study

Administrator Dickson informed the Council that the memo provided by Bakertilly was informational and focused on options for changes in the connection fees in conjunction with the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Dickson shared optimism on funding opportunities for financing the project.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. April Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clarification was given that the Splash Pad will be open this summer with no masks required. Mayor Lein asked if the Council was ready to resume in person meetings, the consensus was to move forward with in person meetings beginning with the June 7, 2021 Council meeting.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:52 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor