



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 7, 2021 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson, City Clerk – Michelle Morrison, City Planner – Cindy Nash and Jake Saulsbury, City Engineer – Bolton & Menk. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

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

3. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Jessica Spates, Resident Requests

Councilmember Kells reviewed an email he had received from resident Spates. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council that the proposed free lending library would be a great addition on the south side of Cologne. The Council asked that the group work with the City public works supervisor on location and installation. The additional sidewalk request, while discussed at length is not financially possible in 2021 but will be discussed as a long term improvement during annual budgeting.

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 17, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. May 17, 2021 Joint Meeting Minutes**
- c. May 25, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- d. June 7, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- e. May 25, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- f. June 8, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- g. Cologne Lions Gambling Permit App 10-2-2021**
- h. Cologne Lions Temporary Liquor License July 22-25, 2021**
- i. Resolution No 21-06 Accepting Donation**

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

5. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Jake Saulsbury, Bolton & Menk

i. Highway 284 Retaining Wall Award Letter

Engineer Jake Saulsbury of Bolton Menk reviewed the low bid for the Highway 284 Retaining Wall project, impact on traffic on Highway 284 with a planned start date in August. Motion by Councilmember Kells to accept the low bid from Minger Construction for \$439,888 contingent on MN Dot Permit approvals. Second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

ii. Centurylink Gas Line Relocation Proposal

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed the required relocation of the gas line in connection with the Highway 284 project and Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to approve the Centurylink gas line relocation proposal at a cost not to exceed \$19,500.63 contingent on the Highway 284 project moving forward, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

iii. Cologne Water Towers Evaluations

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed his firm's examination of Cologne's two water towers. The primary water tower on the south side of town was constructed in 2006 and its original

paint can be expected to have a 20-year life. At this time, an outside firm could be contracted to power wash the outside surfaces.

The water tower on the north side of town was constructed in 1996. The evaluation revealed corrosion and repairs would cost in the range of \$280,000 - \$395,000 if done today. The project could be delayed for up to 5 years, but cost estimates would change in that time.

It was the consensus of the Council to have Public Works seek bids on power washing the south water tower and bring them back to Council for approval. The North water tower repairs will be discussed during annual budgeting.

b. Derek Jensen, 218 W Lake Street IUP

i. IUP Amendment Application

ii. Updated Site Plan

Mayor Lein asked Mr. Jensen to update the Council on steps he has taken since the last meeting to bring property at 218 W. Lake Street in compliance with the existing IUP. Mr. Jensen stated that drainage socks had been placed to help with erosion and he had been in contact with Carver Co. Water Management to verify permitting requirements. He presented the Council with a new Site Plan that he wanted to submit to the Planning Commission. The Council reviewed the document and questioned Mr. Jensen on concerns, including parking for employees.

It was the consensus of the Council to not take any action at this time on the existing noncompliance at the property and allow my Jensen to move forward with his submission of a new Site Plan to the Planning Commission to be addressed at their July meeting.

c. Planning Commission Freedom Storage Recommendation

Mayor Lein asked Councilmember Szaroletta to update the Council on the Planning Commission's discussion and recommendation concerning any ordinance violations at Freedom Storage. The Council was made aware that the Planning Commission found the property to be in compliance with existing ordinances and that 2 minor recommendations could be made to the property owner, but neither are required. The Council directed the City Administrator to pass on the findings to the property owner.

d. Benton Lake Canoe Access

Administrator Dickson shared with Council that in discussions with DNR staff, he was informed that red rock can not be placed below the Ordinary High Water Level, which makes the current location in discussion for the access not feasible for the project as originally discussed. Other access areas and dock options were discussed at length along with the perceived demand for such an access on the lake. Given the cost and low demand for such an access it was the consensus of the Council to table the project and recommend that if any further requests came before the Council that they include a

long term plan.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. BOARD REPORTS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

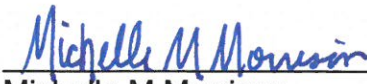
9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

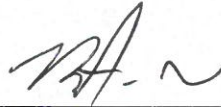
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:35 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor