



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 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 Bruss, and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Lenzen was absent. Councilmember Kells joined the meeting at 7:08 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

5. 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. **September 20, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. **October 4, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. **September 28, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. **Cologne FD Q2 Payroll Summary**
- e. **2022 Assessor's Agreement**

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

6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. PUBLIC HEARING: 2020 Street Reconstruction Proposed Assessment

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to open the public hearing, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0. Jake Saulsbury, City Engineer from Bolton and Menk, reviewed the project from the first public meeting in 2019 when the need and scope of the project was discussed to this meeting where the final cost and assessments will be approved.

Mr. Saulsbury stated that while the project is not completed, this hearing is required to meet the County deadline for the assessment. Once the assessment is approved tonight, property owners have 30 days if they wish to make any payments on the assessment. After that time, the assessment is certified to the County and will appear on property owners' real estate tax bill annually.

The meeting was then opened to public to address any questions. Key takeaways were:

- This is the first city project where property owners are being assessed.
- Standard street repairs requiring mill and overlay are handled through the annual budget.
- Many of the tree replacements will happen in the spring of 2022.
- Some residents complained that cement in their new driveways is cracking, and that the replacement sod has died.
- The slope on some of the cement was causing poor drainage
- A homeowner's car was damaged.
- Some property owners were not satisfied with replacement driveway quality and size and placement of Fire Hydrants

Mr. Saulsbury stated the contractor has insurance coverage for damages and property owners should work with Bolton Menk to get a claim filed, also there is an active punch

list that property owners should get their specific concerns on to get addressed. The Councilmembers asked for a copy of the punch list.

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to close the public hearing at 8:27 PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Resolution 21-19 Adopting Proposed Assessment

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt Resolution 21-19 Adopting Proposed Assessment, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

8. BOARD REPORTS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

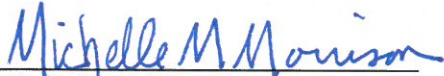
10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:40 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor