



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 7, 2022 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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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

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**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 and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

### **4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

Carver County Commissioner John Fahey was present at the meeting to provide the following updates:

- Update on Covid cases and deaths in the County
- Decisions on using American Rescue Plan Funds for affordable housing and broadband expansion
- In 2021 there were 12 fatalities and 30 serious accidents with injuries on Carver roads.
- The average home price in Carver County is \$347,500. Cologne's average home price is \$275,000

## **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. **January 18, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. **January 28, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. **February 7, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- d. **February 1, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- e. **CFD Relief Association Temp Liquor License 4-30-22**
- f. **Resolution No. 22-03 Accepting Donation**
- g. **Resolution No. 22-04 Approving Application for CGPI**

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

## **6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS**

## **7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. **Chad Vos, Assistant Fire Chief Cologne Fire & Rescue**
  - i. **Fire Department Recruitment**
  - ii. **1923 LaFrance Restoration**

There was a miscommunication on the meeting date for this business item, it will be moved to the February 22, 2022, council meeting.

- b. **Planning Commission Appointment Recommendation**

Councilmember Szaroletta updated the council on the interview process that took place at the 6:00 PM Planning Commission meeting with a recommendation to the City Council to appoint Kevin Fafinski to the Planning Commission. Motion by Councilmember Kells to appoint Kevin Fafinski to the Planning Commission, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. CLOSED MEETING: 305 Playhouse St W Purchase Offer**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to go into closed session to consider an offer to purchase the real property located at 305 Playhouse Street W. pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.05.

The meeting was reopened, and Council decided to take no action on the offer, deciding to do a future land use study of the parcel for long term planning purposes.

**8. BOARD REPORTS**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrator Dickson informed the councilmembers that the CDA grant submission was reviewed by a county committee and was recommended to move forward for approval, he also asked councilmembers to watch for an email invitation to participate in a transportation corridor study.

Councilmember Kells updated the council on developments with several projects he is working on – VFW park improvements, dog park and memorial benches.

**10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**11. ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison  
City Clerk



Matt Lein  
Mayor