

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson via Zoom and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Kells was absent.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

- 4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE
- 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. February 7, 2022 City Council Minutes
- b. February 22, 2022 Check Summary Register
- c. February 15, 2022 Payroll Summary
- d. Res No 22-05 Establishing Polling Place

Motion by Councilmember Lenzen 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

Assistant Fire Chief Vos advised the Council that the department would like to open the application process to hire additional fire personnel up to the 35 members that are approved. Hiring in March will allow the new members to be on board in time for the annual new fire fighter training held in August. It was the consensus of the council to authorize the recruitment process.

ii. 1923 LaFrance Restoration

Assistant Fire Chief Vos reviewed the history of the La France, the fund-raising efforts to date, the committee established to define the scope of the restoration project and the bid received to complete the full restoration of the vehicle.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Bruss authorizing staff to move forward with the la France Restoration Project contingent on auditor approval of the scope of the project, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD REPORTS

- a. 2021 Sheriff's Report
- b. January 2022 Sheriff's Report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission Chairperson Bernie Shambour updated the Council on recent communications he has had concerning a previously resolved light issue on Adams Ave. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize staff to work with the city attorney to achieve a final resolution to the issue with the complainant.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk

Sarah Bruss Acting Mayor