



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday August 1, 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 Kells and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson. Councilmember's Bruss and Lenzen was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Dan Worm came before the council to share pictures of damage done to his street with the Glad Days Mini Hot Rod pull. The damage will be looked into for possible repair.

Dave Hermann came before the council with concerns of the quality of his driveway with the street project. Administrator Dickson will look into the street project bid documents to determine if there were specs on driveways and if so if that could help determine the issues with his driveway.

Jim Meuwissen came before the council to share that the 2 evergreens planted when the storm sewer line was replaced are dying and that weeds are growing around the sewer outflow. Administrator Dickson will ask public works to look into both.

Dick Arnst with the Lake Benton Watershed Conservatory came to provide an update on the projects they are working on. They are looking for the City to provide the funds to construct a floating canoe and kayak dock that would be reimbursed, and for support from public works to annually put in and take out the dock. Motion by Councilmember Kells to authorize the building of the canoe and kayak dock in an amount not to exceed \$700, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0

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. **July 5, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. **July 20, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. **August 1, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- d. **July 19, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- e. **August 2, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- f. **Resolution 22-16 Accepting Donation**
- g. **Resolution 22-19 Accepting Donation**
- h. **Resolution 22-20 Accepting Donation**
- i. **Cologne Lions Application for Exempt Permit**
- j. **Cologne Lions Temporary Liquor License**

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- i. **Chad Vos – Cologne Fire & Rescue Department**
 - 1. **New Hires**

Assistant Fire Chief Chad Vos shared with the Council that the Fire Department has received 2 applicants, Jacob and Joseph Bartz, who have passed all the pre-employment tests and would bring the total number of fire fighters to 33. Motion by Councilmember Kells to approve the hiring of Jacob and Joseph Bartz, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

- ii. **Resolution 22-18 Supporting Carver County Communities of Belonging**

Communities of Belonging member Gracia Hegener spoke to the Council about the original wording the group had suggested for the Resolution and how the final document on the agenda is different, leaving out language that is important to the group. Mayor Lein shared that the city attorney had concerns with some of the language. After discussion, Ms. Hegener suggested that the Resolution be tabled and that a meeting be set up with the City Administrator and City Attorney, Community of Belonging members, and Carver County representatives to share the goals of the committee and address any concerns of the city in hopes of building a better relationship to move forward on. Motion by Councilmember Kells to table Resolution 22-18, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0

iii. VFW Park

Councilmember Kells reviewed information he had gathered on the VFW park improvements, overall park planning, Cologne welcome signs and dog park signs.

iv. 2021 Audit

After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the 2021 audit, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. June Sheriff's Report

b. Q2 Sheriff's Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:11 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor