



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday August 15, 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 Bruss, Kells, and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Michelle Morrison, and City Engineer Jake Saulsbury. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

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

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Lein asked to amend the agenda and add under Council Business item iii. Appoint a City Council Liaison to the Communities of Belonging. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Dick Arnst with the Benton Lake Watershed Conservatory informed the council that the lumber for the kayak dock is now available and they will be constructing and installing it soon.

Dave Hermann provided the estimate he was asked to get at the last council meeting to have Steven Ames Concrete replace his driveway which has been determined to be damaged from the street project. City Engineer, Jake Saulsbury reviewed the history with the driveway and its replacements. The last replacement was not under warranty and even though testing during the project revealed it was done properly, it still cracked. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to authorize the City paying for Mr. Hermann's driveway replacement by Ames Concrete Construction at a cost not to exceed \$3,575 with no warranty, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

Russ Worm came before the council to ask when repairs would be made on Villa Drive to eliminate the ponding of water. City Engineer Jake Saulsbury informed the council that design work was completed and the repairs would be done in the next few weeks.

#### **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. July 11, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. August 1, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- c. August 15, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- d. August 16, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- e. Resolution 22-21 Approving Limited Use Permit**
- f. St. Bernard's Gambling Permit October 1, 2022**

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

#### **5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **i. Cologne Lions Park Donation Petition**

Roger Storms came before the Council to discuss the concept of the Lions donating the approximately 20 acres that Lions Park sits on to the City. There are many things to consider in this process including insuring and surveying the property and dealing with easements. The Cologne Lions would like the park to remain named Lions Park and continue to make improvements to the park but will need help from the City. Direction from Council was to have the City Administrator bring back an estimate to survey the property and an estimate for what insurance costs would be.

##### **ii. Downtown Redevelopment Plan**

Administrator Dickson shared with Council that the Planning Commission had discussed working on developing a downtown redevelopment plan. After defining the scope of the plan, a consultant could be hired to develop the plan that could be brought to the City

Council to be adopted. Once a plan is adopted, there is more access to grant funds to achieve the goals of the plan. After discussion, it was determined that the next step would be for Administrator Dickson to find an individual to help the Planning Commission define a scope.

**iii. Appoint a Liaison to Communities of Belonging**

Mayor Lein updated the Council on the earlier meeting with the Communities of Belonging and Carver County Public Health at which it was decided that an officially recognized liaison from the Council to the group would help improve communication and move projects forward in a timelier manner. Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to appoint Councilmember Nathan Kells as liaison to the Communities of Belonging, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. July Sheriff's Report**

**b. 2022 Salary Market Study – Next Step**

Administrator Dickson informed the Council that he had received preliminary data on the salary market study and asked if a meeting could be set up with the Personnel Committee to review next steps.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**9. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:30 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk

  
Matt Lein

Mayor