



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 6, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson, and City Clerk Michelle Morrison.

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

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Lein amended the agenda to add under Council Business item iii. Rectech Lawn Mower Bid. Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **a. Christie Larson – Southern Valley Alliance**

Christie Larson informed the Council that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and shared the programs and support that the Southern Valley Alliance provides to residents of Carver and Scott County.

**b. Lisa Steinbauer – Communities of Belonging**

Lisa Steinbauer updated the Council on an initiative with the Communities of Belonging to develop and launch a quarterly newsletter for all residents of the 55322 zip code. The newsletter's goal is to keep residents up to date on activities in Cologne and help build a stronger feeling of community. A SHIP grant from Carver County would cover the initial newsletter and writers and editors would work on a volunteer basis. City staff will work with Lisa on the startup.

**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. August 15, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. August 24, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. September 6, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- d. August 30, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- e. August 30, 2022 Supplemental Payroll Summary**
- f. Resolution 22-18 Accepting Donation**
- g. 2020 Streets & Utilities Payment Request #13**

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

**6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- i. Chief Nick Joos, Cologne Fire & Rescue – Firefighter Probation Graduation and Badge Pinning**
  - 1. Joe Lenzen**
  - 2. Cody Milbrett**
  - 3. Joe Rademacher**
  - 4. Mike Ruff**

Fire Chief Nick Joos introduced the firefighters, read the Fire Department's Mission and Vision statements, and described some of the 250 hours of training that the individuals went through. After reciting their oath, each firefighter received their Badge and Fire Fighter Helmet.

- ii. 2023 Preliminary Budget and Levy Workshop September 19 6:00PM**

Administrator Dickson requested a workshop be scheduled for 6:00 PM prior to the regular Council meeting on September 19 to review the preliminary budget and levy.

iii. **Rectech Lawnmower Bid**

Council reviewed the bid from Rectech Outdoor Solutions, LLC for replacing and trading in the City's two existing lawnmowers. Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to approve the purchase of two mowers from Rectech Outdoor Solutions LLC at a cost not to exceed \$16,826.00 only after Administrator Dickson confirms that State Auditor bid quote requirements have been met, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**10. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:00 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
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Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk

  
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Matt Lein

Mayor