



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 19, 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 asked that the agenda be amended to add under the Consent Agenda item g. Approve Gambling Application for Cologne Baseball Association. Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### **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. **September 6, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. **September 19, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. **September 13, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- d. **Relief Association Trustees Salary Increase**
- e. **2022 Carver County Community Grant**
- f. **Truth in Taxation Hearing December 19 7:00PM**
- g. **Gambling Application for Cologne Baseball Association**

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

## **6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **i. SHIP Grant – Cologne Newsletter**

- 1. Grant Agreement**
- 2. Grant Proposal**

Administrator Dickson reviewed both the grant agreement and proposal for the creation of a quarterly newsletter. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to approve the SHIP Grant Agreement, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Kells abstaining. Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to approve the Grant Proposal, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Kells abstaining.

### **ii. 2023 Preliminary Tax Levy**

- 1. Resolution 22-23 Approving 2023 Preliminary Tax Levy**
- 2. 2023 Preliminary Tax Levy Form**

After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Bruss to approve Resolution 22-23 Preliminary Tax Levy and General Fund Budget, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

## **7. BOARD REPORTS**

### **a. August Sheriff's Report**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Lenzen shared concerns she has received from residents about parking, specifically that vehicles are being parked on the city owned service trail to the water tower and that two-sided parking on Naples makes it difficult of school buses, garbage haulers and emergency vehicles to travel on the road. After discussion it was determined that a no parking sign would be posted on the trail to the water tower and that city staff would come back to a future meeting with a recommendation to resolve the concerns with Naples Ave.

Councilmember Kells share a draft sign proposed to be posted along the walking trails in conjunction with the Communities of Belonging. Feedback was given from the Councilmembers to share back with the group.

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

**10. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adjourn at 7:25PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk

  
Matt Lein

Mayor