



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday December 5, 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, Kells and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Clerk - Michelle Morrison, City Planner Cindy Nash and City Attorney Kelly Dohm. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

City Clerk Michelle Morrison advised the Mayor that the agenda needed to be modified, moving the Consent Agenda items d. Cologne Lions Gambling Permit 1-20-23 and item e. Cologne Lions Temp Liquor Permit 1-20-23 to New Business so that Councilmember Kells could recuse himself from the vote as he is currently President of the Lions. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

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. November 21, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. December 5, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. December 6, 2022 Payroll Summary**

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Cologne Lions Gambling Permit 1-20-23 and Cologne Lions Temp Liquor Permit 1-20-23**

Councilmember Kells asked to recuse himself from this item as he is the current president of the Lions. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve both permits, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilmember Kells recused.

- b. PUBLIC HEARING: 310 Park Street E Variance Denial Appeal**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to open the public hearing, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Lein asked if anyone in attendance wanted to speak. 310 Park Street E. property owner Scott Meuwissen read a prepared statement summarizing why he felt the variance should be appealed. City Planner, Cindy Nash recapped the findings from the Planning Commission meeting where the variance was denied. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Resolution 22-31 Denying Appeal 310 Park St E, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Bruss then made a motion directing the Planning Commission to review the accessory structure standards in the current city ordinances for possible updates to current best practice, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. 310 Park Street E Variance Denial Appeal**

- i. 310 Park St E Variance Denial Appeal Application**
- ii. Collaborative Planning C.C. Memo 12-1-22**
- iii. Collaborative Planning P.C. Memo 11-1-22**
- iv. November 7, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes**
- v. Resolution 22-31 Denying Appeal 310 Park St E**

- d. Letter of Intent – Lion's Park Purchase Agreement**

Councilmember Kells asked to recuse himself from this item as he is the current President of the Lions. Roger Storms and Bernie Shambour, both Lions members, were present and shared with the Council the discussions to date in the transfer of

ownership of Lion's Park to the City. They expressed that the Lion's desired to continue making improvements to the over time, in partnership with the city. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to appoint a subcommittee of Mayor Lein and Councilmember Szaroletta to meet with the Lion's and seek resolution to any outstanding issues with transfer of ownership of Lions Park to the city, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilmember Kells recused. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to enter into the letter of intent to purchase Lion's Park, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilmember Kells recused.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. 2023 Annual Appointments

Mayor Lein reviewed current appointments with the Council to determine any changes needed before adopting at the reorganizational meeting in January.

b. Wednesday December 7th 5:30PM Cologne Transportation Study Open House – Cologne Academy Cafeteria

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN


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

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor