



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk - Michelle Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 5-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Sheriff Jason Kamerud

Sheriff Kamerud reviewed the year, staffing challenges and budget projections for 2024.

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. **December 5, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. **December 19, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. **December 20, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- d. **December 27, 2022 City Council and Planning Commission Payroll**
- e. **December 21, 2022 CFD 4th Quarter Payroll**
- f. **2020 Street & Utility Pay Request #14**
- g. **Market Lane Pay Request #2**
- h. **2023 Police Contract**
- i. **Resolution 22-32 Accepting Donation from CFD Relief Association**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Chad Vos Cologne Fire and Rescue

Mayor Lein explained the interview process for CFD Officer positions. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve the appointment of 2023 – 2024 Officers as discussed, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 5-0.

b. PUBLIC HEARING: Truth in Taxation

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to open the public hearing on Truth in Taxation, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Lein asked if any in attendance wanted to speak. Resident Greg Flakne asked the council what plans were being developed to promote business' opening in the city to help ease the tax burden on the residents. Vacant and aging buildings downtown were also discussed. Motion by Councilmember Kells to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 5-0.

c. PUBLIC HEARING: Fee Schedule

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to open the public hearing on the proposed fee schedule, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0. City Administrator Dickson reviewed the proposed changes to the fee schedule noting that it had been several years since any fees have been changed. Mayor Lein asked if any members of the public wished to address the fee schedule, there being none, Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Resolution No 22-33 Approving 2023 Budget

After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve Resolution No 22-33 Approving 2023 Budget, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Resolution No 22-34 Final Tax Levy Collectible 2023

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve Resolution No 22-34 Final Tax Levy Collectible 2023 as discussed, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Resolution No 22-35 Ordinance No. 161-P by Title and Summary

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve Resolution No 22-35 Ordinance No. 161-P by Title and Summary, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

g. 2023 Federal Holidays

Motion by Councilmember Kells to accept the federal holidays adding January 3rd, 2023, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

h. 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve the 2023 city council meeting schedule as changed, removing July 3rd from the schedule, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

i. 2023 Annual Appointments

Motion by Councilmember Kells to accept the annual appointments as discussed, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 5-0.

j. 2023 Salary Adjustments

Councilmember Bruss reviewed the recommendation from the Personnel Committee with the rest of the Council. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to approve the 2023 salary adjustments as discussed, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. November Sheriff's Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kells asked Administrator Dickson to promote the VFW park project on the city website and Facebook page, and about the amount budgeted for the new newsletter.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:40PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor