



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023 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 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 4-0.

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

Josh Kerwood came before the council as a part of the Arts Council with the Communities of Belonging to discuss two proposed murals that he is working on. One would be on the old brick fire house by the splashpad. After discussion, the consensus

of the Council was support for the plan and asked that Mr. Kerwood bring a draft of what would be painted on the building to a future Council meeting for approval.

#### **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. **January 17, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. **January 27, 2023 Check Register**
- c. **February 6, 2023 Check Register**
- d. **January 31, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- e. **Temporary Liquor License App Cologne CFDRA**
- f. **Resolution 23-02 Approving Joint Powers Agreement**

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

#### **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. **Cologne Fire & Rescue Department Retirements**
  - i. **Tom Kasel**
  - ii. **Ryan Kirby**

Fire Chief Vos reviewed the careers of firefighters Tom Kasel and Ryan Kirby, thanking them for their many years of service. Family members were invited to remove the fire fighter's badge and place it in a plaque of appreciation.

- b. **Downtown Redevelopment Plan Proposal**

The Council reviewed the Downtown Redevelopment Proposal from HKGi. Planning Commission Chairperson Bernie Shambour was present and shared that his commissioners supported the proposal. Councilmember Kells made a motion to authorize staff to update the proposed contract and bring back to a future meeting for approval, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. **VFW Park Redevelopment Proposal**
  - i. **Option 1**
  - ii. **Option 2**

Councilmember Kells reviewed the VFW Park proposal with Council that includes resurfacing and taping of 2 pickleball courts where existing tennis courts are, several age-based playground structures, and a small shelter. Discussion was had about the need for bathrooms and water. Different combinations of the options were discussed to use a phased in approach to building. It was agreed that the committee would have one more meeting to discuss how to finance the project.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. 2022 Annual Sheriff's Report**

**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:

  
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Michelle Morrison

City Clerk

  
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Matt Lein

Mayor