



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2023 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

Acting Mayor Sarah Bruss called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Bruss, Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Michelle Morrison and City Engineer Jake Saulsbury from Bolton Menk. Mayor Lein was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Karly Werner – Comcast

Karly Werner, Sr. Director of Government Affairs for Comcast came before the Council to introduce herself and Comcast's interest to bring services to Cologne. She would like to meet with city staff and the public works department to discuss. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the discussion and come to a future meeting.

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. March 6, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. March 20, 2023 Check and EFT Payment Register**
- c. March 14, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. Cologne Lions Gambling Permit**
- e. Cologne Lions Temporary Liquor License**
- f. Resolution 23-05 Accepting Donation**
- g. Resolution 23-06 Advertising for Seasonal Public Works**

Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Benton Creek Area Road Project**
 - i. PUBLIC HEARING: Improvement Hearing for Assessments**

Councilmember Kells made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0. City Engineer Jake Saulsbury presented a PowerPoint presentation on the scope of the Benton Creek area road project, properties impacted, work completed to date, cost estimates, assessments, funding timeline and next steps. He then opened the floor to questions. After all questions were answered, Councilmember Kells made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Fire Department Apparatus Purchase**

Fire Chief Chad Vos updated the Council on the need for a tanker truck to replace the 40 year old tanker currently in use, and the long timeline to receive delivery. Councilmember Kells made a motion approving the down payment for a 2,000-gallon, single axle tanker, and authorizing city staff to negotiate and enter into a contract, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. VFW Park Redevelopment Proposal**

City Clerk Michelle Morrison updated the Council on a phone conversation she and Councilmember Kells had with Bailey Wolf at Flagship Recreation clarify questions from the last Council meeting about installation charges and pricing, correcting the structures

to be purchased, an optional bid with woodchips instead of Pour in Place Surfacing. and getting new bids reflecting the discussion. After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to accept the March 16, 2023 Landscape Structures bid of \$93,880 and the Flagship Recreation bid of \$120,057.53 for VFW Park, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Winkler Crossing 3rd LoC Reduction Request

City Administrator Dickson reviewed the request from Loomis homes for release of the balance on the Letter of Credit for Winkler Crossing 3rd. The project is substantially complete and warrantied are in place with the contractors. Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to release the balance of the Letter of Credit for Winkler Crossing #rd, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Carver County Smart Water Program Agreement

City Administrator Dickson reviewed a program being offered by Carver County whereby cities can enroll in a program that allows their residents to purchase smart water irrigation systems that better control the amount of water residents use for irrigation. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Dickson would talk further with the County and provide options at a future council meeting.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. Lion's Park Purchase

Administrator Dickson updated the Council on the Lions Park discussion concerns on either side. The consensus of the Council was that it would be a good idea to get both parties and their legal representation together for a meeting to move the discussion along.

b. February Sheriff's Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

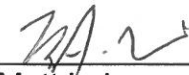
10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:25PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison


Matt Lein

City Clerk

Mayor