



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 15, 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

Mayor Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Szaroletta and Kells were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson, and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Bruss and Lenzen were absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Betsy Pysick – Glad Days

Betsy Pysick updated the Council on Glad Days preparations, and changes that include increasing the tent size to 50 x 60 and adding a second stage for bands. Discussion was had about the parade route given the Highway 212 closure.

b. Chad Miller – Village Park Basketball Court

Resident Chad Miller reviewed a concept plan to construct a half size basketball court at the Naples Ave Park. Concrete, Labor, and the Basketball Hoop would be donated. Fundraising could help cover the costs of the court floor and sprinkler reroute. The long-term plan would be to expand it to a full-size court in the future. The consensus of the Council was that this was a good project, and the city would like to pursue it. After further discussion the possibility of going forward with a full-size court immediately was discussed, the Council asked Mr. Miller to investigate that cost. Mr. Miller plans to move forward with the project and will bring a bid back to the council at a future date for the full court option.

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. May 1, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. May 15, 2023 Check and EFT Summary**
- c. May 9, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. Cologne Corral Annual Liquor License Application**
- e. Pounders Annual Liquor License Application**
- f. Resolution 23-10 Approving 2023 Seasonal Worker**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Benton Creek Area Improvement Project

i. Bolton and Menk Memo

ii. Resolution 23-11 Approve Plan & Authorize Ad for Bids

Engineer Jake Saulsbury of Bolton and Menk reviewed his memo requesting approval of the plans and specifications and seeking authorization to advertise for bids for the Benton Creek Area project. The bid opening date would be June 20 and the contract would be awarded at the Council meeting that evening. The project has a completion date of October 27, 2023. Motion by Councilmember Kells to approve Resolution 23-11 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the Benton Creek Area Improvements Project, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Saulsbury also updated the Council on his discussions with the affected homeowner and CCWMO regarding the Benton Lake Outlet Channel. Grant paperwork has been submitted. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion authorizing Bolton &

Menk to move forward with design and survey work to align the channel, addressing erosion restoration, bank stabilization and sediment removal, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

b. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Update

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed his memo providing an update to the Council on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project. He provided an update on the next steps and a proposed timeline for completion of those steps. Next steps include final design work, requesting an Intended Use Plan, and submitting for a Point Source Implementation Grant. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion authorizing Bolton & Menk to move forward with final design, submit the IUP request and submit the PSIG grant application, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

c. Accessory Structure Ordinance Amendment

i. Collaborative Planning Memo

ii. Ordinance 150-Y Amending Zoning Ordinance

City Planner Cindy Nash informed the Council that shortly before the meeting started, she had received a memo from the City Attorney raising some questions that needed to be addressed before the Council acted on the Amendment.

Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to table the Accessory Structure Ordinance Amendment and bring it back to June 5th meeting unless the changes need to be reviewed by the planning commission, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

d. 2022 Audit Presentation

Administrator Dickson reviewed audit results with the Council noting that it was a clean audit. After discussion Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to approve the audit, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. April Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Dickson discussed the following with Councilmembers:

- A reminder of the May 17 open house for STARS Early Learning Academy.
- Discussion on releasing the escrow that is being held for the STARS project of which the Council consensus was that it was appropriate.
- Discussion with Council on Ordinance violation enforcement for weed control.
- Authorization from Council to allow the unused antenna behind the Public Works building to be removed at no cost to the city with the scrap metal being given to the individual who is removing the antenna.
- Discussion on the Lions Park transaction with a more detailed update to be provided at the next council meeting.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

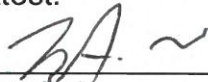
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:22 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Morrison

City Clerk

Attest:



Matt Lein

Mayor