



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 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, City Clerk Michelle Morrison, City Engineer Jake Saulsbury and City Planner Cindy Nash. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Lein asked to amend the agenda to add under new business item f. Lions Park Environmental Study. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Bruss. 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. June 5, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. June 20, 2023 Check and EFT Summary**
- c. June 6, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. June 20, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- e. Resolution 23-14 Waiving Municipal Hearing**
- f. Ordinance 172 Adopting Franchise Agreement**

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

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **a. Cologne Area Transportation Study Council Update**

Angie Stenson, transportation manager at Carver County introduced Jack Corkle, director of transportation planning for WSB who reviewed the Cologne Area Transportation Study updates from recent public open houses. Concept plans for Market Ave, the Triangle area of Hwy 284 and Benton, the intersection of Hwy 284 and 122<sup>nd</sup> and Hwy 284 north of 122<sup>nd</sup>.

### **b. Accessory Structure Ordinance Amendment Proposal**

#### **i. Collaborative Planning Memo**

#### **ii. Ordinance 150-Y Amending Zoning Ordinance**

Cindy Nash, City Planner reviewed the possible changes to Ordinance 150-Y. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion to table Ordinance 150-Y and asked Ms. Nash to incorporate the changes discussed into the ordinance and bring it back to the July 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **c. Benton Creek Area Road Improvements Award**

Jake Saulsbury, of Bolton & Menk reviewed the four bids received that morning for the Benton Creek area road project. All bids were within \$100,000 and 7% below the engineer's estimated cost of the project. Motion by Councilmember Kells to award the street project to Valley Paving Inc. with the low bid of \$2,146,034.68, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

### **d. Cologne Parks Master Plan**

Councilmember Kells told the Council that a member of the Communities of Belonging is interested in working with WSB to develop a master plan for the Cologne Parks. WSB would charge \$44,500 which could be reimbursed with a SHIP grant. Mr. Saulsbury shared that Bolton & Menk also offers these services. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Saulsbury would share some of the past projects his firm has developed with Mr. Kells to bring back to the Communities of Belonging. That group would evaluate the two firms' products and come back with a recommendation to the full Council.

**e. Cologne Hollanders Outfield Fence and Batting Cage Request**

Jason Kuerschner and Mark Eggers reviewed the quotes for construction of a new fence and batting cage. The Council asked questions about the discrepancies in the quotes, and cost sharing and payment options. The Council requested that the Hollanders provide new quotes and that both reflect the full scope of the fence project. In discussing payment options, the Council requested that the Hollanders provide the club's financial information to the City Clerk to satisfy audit and legal requirements.

**f. Lions Park Environmental Study**

Mayor Lein updated the Council on property transfer from the Lions Club to the City and that the City attorney recommend an Environmental Study be done on the property prior to transfer. The consensus of the Council was to move forward and schedule the study.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. May 2023 Sheriff Report**

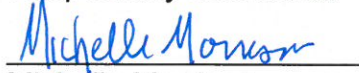
**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. ADJOURN**


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:50 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Michelle Morrison

City Clerk

Attest:

  
Matt Lein

Mayor