



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 21, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison.

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

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Lein asked that the agenda be amended to remove Erica Wagner under Visitor's Presentations, and under new business add Item iv. Approve Sterling Fence Quote. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

### **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. August 7, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. August 21, 2023 Check and EFT Summary**
- c. August 15, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. Resolution 23-19 Authorizing Issuance of Bonds Benton Creek Ave**
- e. 2024 Carver County Prosecution Contract**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **i. 214 Playhouse Street East Nuisance Abatement**

Administrator Dickson reviewed with the Council the actions to date to resolve the ordinance violation related to noxious weeds and that the property owner is appealing the destruction order. Attorney Dohm explained that the Council should either affirm the destruction order or not affirm. Property owner Halie Kerwood stated that she was seeking clarification on what plants need to be removed. Britt Oliverius spoke to the council about a concern he had with the property being trespassed on by the neighbor, who was trying to clean up her side of the property. After discussion, the issue of weeds was addressed by neighbors. The council requested that the County Weed Inspector meet with the homeowner, review all the plants on the property and clarify for the property owner which plants are weeds and must be removed, after the meeting the property owner has 2 weeks to remove the identified weeds and come to the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to provide an update.

Councilmember Bruss made a motion to ratify the destruction order and amend the destruction date to September 18<sup>th</sup>, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ii. Winkler Crossing 4<sup>th</sup> LoC Reduction**

The administrator noted that the project is substantially completed, and Loomis is requesting a reduction in the line of credit. Motion by Councilmember Kells to reduce the line of credit to \$183,544.25 second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

### **iii. Declare Planning Commission Vacancy & Advertise Position**

Mayor Lein advised that Jenn Brewington resigned from the Planning Commission and there was a need to advertise to find a replacement. Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to accept Jenn Brewington's resignation from the Planning Commission and authorized the advertising of the position seconded by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**iv. Sterling Fence Quote for Marion Field Fence**

Public Works supervisor Brian Vos reviewed the scope of work to be covered in the repairs and replacement of portions of the Marion Field fence. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to approve the quote from Sterling Fence for \$18,842.00 seconded by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. Village Parkway**

The Council discussed traffic on Village Parkway and safety issues. Administrator Dickson is working with Engineer Jake Saulsbury and may be bringing action items to a future meeting.

**b. July Sheriff's Report**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**10. ADJOURN**


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:06 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Michelle Morrison

City Clerk

  
Matt Lein

Mayor