



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 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. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein asked to amend the agenda to add under Consent Agenda, Item g. Approve Gambling License for CFD Relief Association at 212 Tavern. 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. August 21, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. August 30, 2023 Check and EFT Summary**
- c. August 29, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. Resolution 23-20 Supporting and Adopting Cologne Area Transportation Plan**
- e. Hollanders Bingo License Application November 3, 2023**
- f. Advertising for Open Gym Supervisor**
- g. Approve CFD Relief Association Gambling License for 212 Tavern**

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

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **i. Chief Chad Vos, Cologne Fire & Rescue**

#### **1. PERA Presentation**

Chief Vos reviewed the past history with fire department pension, salary and officer pay reviews and specific details about joining the state PERA. The department supports the move to PERA and is seeking support from the Council. Decisions must be made by November 15 for a January 1 effective date. The Council liked the idea and agreed to spend some time looking at the proposal and deciding what level would work in the budget. The Council also supported the concept that an annual COLA increase in firefighter on call pay could be presented for consideration with city staff salary adjustments.

#### **2. Fire and Rescue Station Update**

The fire department committee met with 3 consultants and is interested in engaging BKV Design to help with next steps. Motion by Councilmember Bruss authorizing staff to work with the fire chief to obtain a formal proposal from BKV Design to develop the Fire and Rescue Station space evaluation and improvement plan, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

## **7. BOARD REPORTS**

### **a. Village Parkway**

Pedestrian Crosswalk Warning signs have been installed on Village Parkway.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Kells provided an update on the Welcome to Cologne Signs project and the City Parks Plan.

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

**10. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:00 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

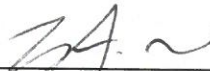
Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle Morrison

City Clerk



Matt Lein

Mayor