



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 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 7:00PM. Councilmembers Szaroletta, Bruss, and Lenzen were present. Also present was City Administrator Jesse Dickson. Councilmember Kells was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein requested two additions to the agenda: Fritz Field fence and 214 Playhouse St E. Follow up. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Christie Larson – Southern Valley Alliance

Christie Larson presented on behalf of the Southern Valley Alliance and provided the Council and residents information packets.

b. Chad Miller – Village Park

Chad Miller returned to present an updated plan to donate portions of a new basketball court to be placed in Village Park. Due to Cemstone's current schedule the project may need to be pushed to spring. Updated quotes to be provided to the Council at an upcoming 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. September 5, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. September 12, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- c. Resolution 23-21 Post Sale Award 2023A**
- d. 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing Date December 18th**
- e. 2023 CIPP Payment Request #1**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

i. Chief Chad Vos, Cologne Fire & Rescue

- 1. PERA Presentation**
- 2. Resolution 23-22 Joining PERA SVF Plan**

Chief Vos returned to present Resolution 23-22. Following Council discussion, it was determined that the Council would elect for the Fire Department Relief Association to enter PERA at \$2,500 per year of service. Motion to adopt Resolution 23-22 Joining PERA SVF Plan at \$2,500 per year of service by Councilmember Bruss, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

ii. Planning Commission Vacancy Recommendation

Jeri Bowers appeared before the City Council as an applicant for the vacant Planning Commission position, introducing herself to the Council and providing personal and professional background. Motion by Councilmember Lenze to appoint Jeri Bowers to the Planning Commission, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

iii. 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy and General Fund Budget

- 1. Resolution 23-23 Approving 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy and General Fund Budget**
- 2. 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy Certification**

City Administrator Dickson presented the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy. Following discussion, motion by Councilmember Lenzen, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

iv. Fritz Field Fence

Mayor Lein presented two quotes for the replacement of the outfield fence at Fritz Field. Following discussion with representatives of the Cologne Hollanders, it was determined that the Council would approve the low quote and the Hollanders would reimburse the City in three installments totaling half of the purchase price with the first installment being paid over the course of 2024. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to purchase the outfield fence and receive reimbursement equal to half of the purchase price and instructing staff to draft a reimbursement agreement for the Hollanders, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

v. 214 Playhouse St. E.

City Administrator Dickson updated the Council on the destruction order at 214 Playhouse St E and informed the Council that both the City and county weed inspectors have concluded that the noxious weeds on the premises have been taken care of.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. Village Parkway

City Staff continues to work with Bolton & Menk to create a school zone along Village Parkway.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

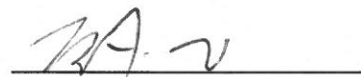
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:17PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jesse Dickson
City Administrator



Matt Lein
Mayor