



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 2, 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 Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein asked to amend the agenda to remove Kim Desmarais as Visitor as she was out of town and add under board reports d. Pond Clean Out Update. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Greg and Patricia Flakne of Parkview Lane spoke to the Council about concerns with the proposed sport court location, lights and parking at the Blue Park.

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 18, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. September 26, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- c. September Check and EFT Summary**
- d. 2023 CIPP Payment Request #2**
- e. Resolution 23-24 Accepting Donation**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Local Road Improvement Program

i. Resolution 23-25 Applying for LRIP

Jake Saulsbury of Bolton & Menk reviewed the new Local Road Improvement Program that may provide up to 1.5 million dollars for road improvements and has a December 8th Deadline to apply. After discussion Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to approve Resolution 23-25 Approving the Pursuit of 2023 Local Road Improvement Program Funding, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Benton Creek Area Road Improvements

i. B&M Final Cost Memo

ii. Resolution 23-26 Declaring Cost & Ordering Assessment Roll

iii. Resolution 23-27 Receiving Assessment & Calling Public Hearing

Mr. Saulsbury reviewed his September 27th memo providing an update on Benton Creek Area Improvement Project final costs and assessment roll. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve Resolution 23-26 Declaring Cost to be Assessed & Ordering the Preparation of Proposed Assessment, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Kells also made a motion to approve Resolution 23-27 Receiving Proposed Assessment and Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Assessment, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Village Parkway School Zone

Mr. Saulsbury informed the Council that the State is Authorizing School Speed Zones to be changed through a relatively simple process. After discussion, Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to authorize a study to be conducted to evaluate Village Parkway becoming a designated school zone, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. Lion's Park Transfer

Administrator Dickson updated the Council on the transfer of Lion's Park ownership to the city.

b. August Sheriff's Report

c. Bonding Tours

Administrator Dickson advised that the Capital Investment Committee would be visiting the city Thursday at 6:00 PM.

d. City Pond Drainage Issues

Administrator Dickson informed the Council that in response to a homeowner's inquiry, Brian Vos is getting bids for vegetation removal in the pond behind Cologne Academy. Mr. Saulsbury advised the Council that ponds generally are on a 20-year cycle for vegetation removal. Testing typically occurs in the summer and work is done in the winter.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:05 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Clerk



Matt Lein

Mayor