



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 16, 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 Bruss, Kells, and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Betsy Pysick provided an update to the Council on 2023 Glad Days and plans for Christmas in Cologne.

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. October 2, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. October 10, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- c. October 16 Check and EFT Summary**
- d. Benton Creek Area Pay Request #1**
- e. Resolution 23-28 Approving Open Gym Supervisor**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Kim Desmarais – Drainage Pond Issue**

Property owners expressed concerns to the Council about an invasive woody shrub that is spreading between Cologne Academy and the residential area. Public Works Supervisor Brian Vos reviewed an estimate he had received from Prairie Restoration to remove and chemically treat the area. After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the bid from Prairie Restoration at a cost of \$10,607.00 second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Lion’s Park Transfer**

Mayor Lein advised that he is in contact with Lions President Jeff Thompson regarding the Lion’s Park transfer to the City.

- b. Q3 Sheriff Report**

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:55 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



 Michelle Morrison



 Matt Lein

City Clerk

Mayor