



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 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, Lenzen 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 Kells to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 5-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Andy Steinhagen from Benton Township came before the Council to express concern over the timeliness of payment to the township for maintenance on 134th Street. Councilmembers discussed the 2004 agreement that requires the City to pay

maintenance for the township road, the original intent of the agreement and changes in City growth and development since 2004. It was agreed that Mayor Lein and Councilmember Bruss would attend the Benton Township meeting on December 14th to discuss the City concerns with the Township Supervisors.

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 16, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. **October 24, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- c. **November 21, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. **October 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**
- e. **November 6, 2023 Check & EFT Report**
- f. **November 20, 2023 Check & EFT Report**
- g. **November 7, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- h. **Quarter 3 CFD Payroll Summary**
- i. **Resolution 23-30 Allowing Wire or Automated Payments**
- j. **Resolution 23-31 Approving Open Gym Supervisor**
- k. **Resolution 23-33 Accepting Donation**
- l. **2024 LMCIT Waiver**
- m. **Benton Creek Area Geotech Payment #1**
- n. **2024 Joint Assessment Service Agreement**
- o. **Cologne Lions Temporary Liquor License January 19, 2024**
- p. **Cologne Lions Temporary Gambling Permit January 19, 2024**

After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 5-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Village Parkway School Zone**
 - i. **School Zone Study**
 - ii. **Resolution 23-32 Creating Village Parkway School Zone**

Administrator Dickson reviewed the Study results from Bolton & Menk to establish a new school zone speed limit on Village Parkway. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-32 Creating Village Parkway School Zone, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Park Street Public 2024 Proposal

Administrator Dickson reviewed the Park Street Public proposal for 2024 to represent the City in efforts to obtain capital investment funds during the State Legislative Session. After discussion, Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to adopt the Park Street Public 2024 proposal, second my Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. October Sheriff Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:25 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor