



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 4, 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 Szaroletta to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

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. November 20, 2023 City Council Minutes**
- b. December 4, 2023 Check Summary Register**
- c. December 5, 2023 Payroll Summary**
- d. Benton Creek Area Pay Request #2**
- e. Benton Creek Geotech Pay Request #2**
- f. Cologne Lions Temp Liquor License February 10, 2024**

After discussion, Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

i. Fritz Field Shelter

Mayor Lein reviewed the proposed shelter that the Cologne Hollanders have purchased and would like to locate on Fritz Field. The primary use is for extended batting practice. The location and size were discussed, a permit is currently under review at MetroWest Inspection Services. The assembly and monthly maintenance checks as required in the assembly book would be the responsibility of the Hollander Base Ball Team. There is no electricity to the structure and no lights. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the Fritz Field Shelter subject to the permit being approved by MetroWest Inspection Services, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. 2024 Sheriff's Contract

Administrator Dickson reviewed the proposed contract with Council noting 2024 will have increased police coverage and the budgeted amount will also go up \$60,000. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion approving the 2024 Sheriff Contract, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

7. BOARD REPORTS

a. 2024 Annual Appointments

Mayor Lein provided Councilmembers with the current appointments and asked them to consider any changes that may be needed for 2025 and be prepared to discuss at the December 18 meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:30 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Michelle Morrison
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City Clerk

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Matt Lein

Mayor