



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024 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: Sarah Bruss
Councilmember: Nathan Kells
Councilmember: Maria Samuelson
Councilmember: Carol Szaroletta

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, Samuelson and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Kells was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

City Administrator Morrison asked the mayor to amend the agenda to approve with the Consent Agenda the payment of election judges for the March 5th Presidential Nominating Primary, the detail of which is provided at each Councilmembers seat. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Jon Fernholz- Mayor Proclamation Motorcycle Safety Awareness

Cologne resident Jon Fernholz was introduced to the Council and he reviewed the history of Motorcycle Safety Awareness in the State and efforts to promote motorcycle awareness with spring here and more motorcycle's on the roads. Mayor Lein presented Mr. Fernholz with the May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month proclamation. Councilmember Bruss made a motion declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Month in Cologne, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried 4-0

b. Jim Johnson – Logan Pass Coffeehouse

Cologne resident and owner of Logan Pass Coffeehouse came to the Council to clarify statements made at the February 5 City Council meeting by Corey Magstadt of Launch Ministries and John Pennucci of Launch Café.

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. February 20, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from February 21, 2024**
- c. February 27 and March 12, 2024, Payroll Summaries**
- d. Resolution 24-09 Accepting Donations**
- e. Election Judge payments for November 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary.**

After discussion, Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- f. Res No 24-10 for a Loan Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority**

Administrator Morrison explained to Council that this Resolution is part of our work to secure the funding needed for the WWTP upgrade should the legislature come through with funding for the city this year. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Res No. 24-10, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

g. Res No 21-11 Applying for a Community Growth Partnership Initiative Grant Program

Administrator Morrison explained to Council that this Resolution is supporting the application for a Community Growth Partnership Grant through Carver County that if approved would provide up to \$100,000 in reimbursement for improvements that Paul Modeen would make on property at 102 Lake St W. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Res No. 24-11, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

h. Ordinance Amendment – Expansion of Non-conforming Uses and CUP Process

Mayor Lein reviewed the memo in the packet from City Planner Cindy Nash the highlight being that the amendment now allows the city to have a Conditional Use Permit process. Planning Commission Chair Bernie Shambour added that Cologne is one of the only cities in Carver County that does not have a CUP Process. After discussion Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to approve Ordinance 174 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Related to Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses and Conditional Use Permits, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried 4-0.

i. Res No 24-12 Approving CUP 209 Playhouse

Mayor Lein reviewed the memo in the packet from City Planner Cindy Nash with the Council detailing the conditions that the CUP would have. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Resolution No 24-12 Approving a CUP for 209 Playhouse, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Administrator Update

Administrator Morrison reviewed her activities since the February 20th Council meeting.

b. Council / Mayor Reports

c. January 2024 Sheriff Report

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:25 PM, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted: .


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator

Attest:


Matt Lein

Mayor