



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024 7:00 PM  
Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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### 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

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**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, Samuelson and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

City Administrator Morrison asked the Mayor to amend the agenda to add under New Business, item c. Resolution 24-19 Authorizing the City to Submit Information to Mn Public Facilities Authority and Enter into a Grant Agreement. Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **a. John Fahey – Carver County Commissioner**

Commissioner Fahey updated the Council on various road projects and other initiatives in the County.

##### **b. Jennifer Ray of Chanhassen –**

Introduced herself and shared her concerns over voting integrity.

#### **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. April 22, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from April 23, 2024**
- c. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve Annual Liquor License for Cologne Hollanders, Cologne Corral, Inn Town and 212 Tavern**
- e. Approve Temporary Liquor License Glad Days**

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

#### **NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **a. Public Hearing: Issuing Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds**

Councilmember Bruss opened the public hearing for the issuance of Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Morrison reviewed highlights of a letter she had from the bond attorneys explaining the laws that allow for these types of bonds and the intended use of the bond funds. Mayor Lein asked if the public or Councilmembers had any questions. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **b. Resolution 24-18 Authorizing the Issuance of Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds**

Councilmember Bruss made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-18 Authorizing the Issuance of Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Kells abstaining.

##### **c. Resolution 24-19 Authorizing the City to Submit Information to Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and Enter into a Grant Agreement**

Administrator Morrison advised the Council that Governor Walz signed Chapter 88 into law last week and that it included language allowing for the City to receive up to \$1,060,000 in grant funds to design the WWTP improvements. After the packets were sent out Friday conversation was had with Becky Sabie at MN PFA about how to go about getting these funds which includes the City adopting a resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt Resolution 24-19 Authorizing the City to Submit Information to Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and Enter into a Grant Agreement, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Council / Mayor Reports**
  - i. Mayor Lein**

## **7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

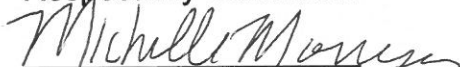
### **a. Resolution 24-17 Hiring Seasonal Workers**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to approve Resolution 24-17 Hiring Seasonal Workers, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Samuelson abstaining.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:40 PM, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Michelle Morrison

City Administrator

Attest:

  
Matt Lein

Mayor

