



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 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, 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. Council Discussion on Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Benton Lake Restoration Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Matthew Nylund – Cologne Community Soccer Field Upgrades

Cologne resident Matthew Nylund shared a proposal to make improvements to the grass area behind Cologne Academy – making it a soccer field that can be used during school and for tournaments. The cost for improvements could be \$50,000. Next steps include Mr. Nylund getting a firm bid on the work involved, discussing options to cost share with the school and outside fundraising. Further discussion and inclusion of some funds for the 2025 budget could happen at a future meeting.

b. Lona Hendricks, Janet Fahey – Art Council Mural

Lona and Janet, representing the arts council of the Communities of Belonging discussed the concept of painting a mural on the west side of the old fire hall that would include some interactive activities. The next steps would be a rendering of the mural and fund-raising opportunities.

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. May 6, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from May 7, 2024**
- c. May 21st, 2024 Payroll Summary**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Contract for Jeff Martin Auctioneers

Public Works Supervisor Brian Vos told the council about the various items that had been taken to Glencoe to be auctioned. After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the Auction Contract with Jeff Martin Auctioneer's, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Mill and Overlay Prairie View Bids

Public Works Supervisor Brian Vos described the scope of the Mill and Overlay project on Prairie View. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve the low bid from WM Mueller for \$34,992.00, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Council Discussion on Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Benton Lake Restoration

Administrator Morrison advised Council that a MOU had been drafted and reviewed by legal counsel for the Benton Lake Restoration project. If acceptable to the Council, the

MOU would be presented to the property owner and once signed, would come back to the Council for official action. The Council had no objection to the MOU.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Council / Mayor Reports**
 - i. Mayor Lein**
 - 1. Glad Days Tent**
 - 2. Teacher Proclamation**
- c. April Sheriff Report**

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:45 PM, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator

Attest:


Matt Lein

Mayor