



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 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 d. Resolution 24-20 Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance No 175. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

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

a. Lona Hendricks and Janet Fahey – Concept Art for Mural

The concept art for a mural on the old fire barn was presented to the Council. It was suggested to add Peonies and Gladiolas to the concept. Consensus was the project looked good and the group could go ahead with fund raising for the project, a final design would be approved after funds were secured and before the painting began.

## **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 20, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from May 21, 2024**
- c. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve Annual Liquor License Renewal Pounders**
- e.**

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

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **a. Scott Williams – Sewer Line Issue**

Cologne resident Scott Williams came before the Council seeking compensation for work he had done in the fall of 2022 to replace his sewer line from his home to the city connection at the street. Mr. Williams had come before the council at another time asking for reimbursement and it was denied. After discussion, the Council directed the City Administrator to contact the League of Minnesota Cities for an opinion and guidance.

### **b. Public Hearing: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses for the City of Cologne**

Councilmember Bruss opened the public hearing for the Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses for the City of Cologne, second my Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Morrison reviewed her memo to the Council explaining why the Interim Ordinance is recommended. 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 Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

### **c. Ordinance 175 An Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale, Testing, Manufacturing, Cultivating, Growing, Transporting, Delivery, and Distribution of Cannabis Products in the City of Cologne**

After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion approving Ordinance 175, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Resolution 24-20 Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 175**

After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion approving Resolution 24-20 Approving a Summary Publication of Ordinance 175, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Chicken/Bee Ordinance Discussion**

Mayor Lein shared with the Council that Cologne Resident Katy Humphrey had contacted him regarding the possibility of changing the City Ordinance to allow chickens. Ms. Humphrey had provided the Mayor with examples of what many neighboring cities have done. City Administrator Morrison shared that she had checked in with the City Attorney and City Planner about the best way to go about making the change – both saying they liked the Waconia Rules. The consensus of the Council was to give direction to the City Administrator to draft language and bring back to the Council for further discussion and approval.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a. Administrator Update**

**b. Council / Mayor Reports**

**i. Mayor Lein**

Mayor Lein informed the Council that he had a discussion with Fire Chief Vos about offering to fill swimming pools for individuals within the Fire District. The Fire Chief was open to the concept and the mayor asked council members if they had any objections. There being none, the Mayor advised that he would let the Chief know and that a concept plan would be developed on how the process would work.

**8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**9. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:10 PM, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Michelle Morrison

City Administrator

  
Matt Lein

Mayor