



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 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

Administrator Morrison informed the Mayor of two changes to the agenda. The addition of Amanda Feltmann to the Visitor Presentations and under the Consent agenda adding the approval of both a temporary Liquor License and Gambling Permit for the October 4th Lions Bingo. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as revised, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Cologne Fire Chief Chad Vos and Captain Joe Rademacher informed the Council that the Grass Rig which has been in production since the first of the year is now completed. They reviewed the work that has gone into the production and asked the Council to officially put Utility 11 into service. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to put the Utility 11 Grass rig into service, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously. The old grass rig will be decommissioned at a future council meeting and sold at auction with the proceeds being dedicated to the fire equipment replacement fund. Chief Vos invited everyone to stop outside after the meeting to see the grass rig.
- 2) Administrator Morrison introduced Amanda Feltmann to the Council. Amanda is a long-time election judge for the City and her husband Mitch is a long-time fire fighter in Cologne. Amanda shared her personal experience with the stillborn death of her daughter Juniper and her ongoing advocacy promoting stillborn prevention and advocating for grief awareness. September 19 is National Stillborn Prevention Day. Mayor Lein thanked Amanda for sharing her personal story and advocating for the cause, he then asked Council for approval of a Proclamation that the City of Cologne declare September 19 as National Stillborn Prevention Day. Councilmember Bruss made that motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Betsy Pysick and Shannon Frakie provided an update on Glad Days with new events for kids and adults alike and over 150 entrants in the tractor cruise. Work has already begun for 2025 Glad Days. They presented the City with a \$300 donation and thanks for all the help from City Staff to make the event a success. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to accept the donation from the Glad Days Committee, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Cologne resident Elaine Dubbe who lives in Winkler Crossing 3rd Addition stated that drivers in that area are not adhering to the speed limit and inquired about speed signs and enforcement. Discussion was had that the flashing speed signs could be moved to that area and Administrator Morrison advised she would look into the developer's agreement to make sure proper signage has been installed. Additionally, she would contact the sheriff's office and request patrols and enforcement of the area.

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. August 19, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from August 20, 2024**
- c. August 27th, 2024 Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve a temporary liquor and gambling license for the October 4th Lions Bingo**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Administrator Update

Mayor Lein asked if there were any objections to moving the second meeting in September from the 16th to the 23rd, there being none, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to move the Council meeting to September 23rd, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Council / Mayor Reports

i. Mayor Lein

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

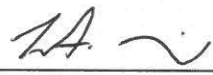
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:50 PM, second by Councilmember Samuelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator


Matt Lein

Mayor