



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 2, 2025 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: Jeri Bowers
Councilmember: Selmer Olson
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, Bowers, Olson and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as revised, adding approving change order No.1 to Water Tower under new business, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

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 18th, 2025 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from August 19th, 2025**
- c. August 26th 2025 Payroll Summary**
- d. Set Truth in Taxation Hearing December 15, 2025 7:00PM**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Public Works Parking Lot Repairs

Administrator Morrison reviewed her memo and the planned repair areas with the Council noting that the rate per sq yard remained the same as the last discussion, but the areas to be repaired had been better defined allowing for the entire parking lot to be repaired. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to accept the low bid from Southwest Paving for \$41,190, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approve change Order to Water Tower

Administrator Morrison advised that she had received a call from Bolton & Menk regarding poor welds that were found during the sandblasting. It was recommended that the repairs be completed immediately so that the project could continue on schedule and result in a smooth new paint finish rather than weld later and touch up the paint. She had given the contractor verbal approval to move forward, but the work requires a change order to be approved by the Council.

After discussion, Councilmember Olson made a motion to approve work order No 1 on the water tower at a cost of \$11,250.00, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adjourn at 7:20 PM, second by Councilmember Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk


Matt Lein

Mayor