



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2026 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 Bowers, Bruss, and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Olson was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

a. Representative Jim Nash

Representative Nash provided an update on work at the Capital. All finance bills need to be out of committee by the end of next week. As for funding our Waste Water Treatment Plant he advised that the PFA is going to be our best bet.

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. March 2, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from March 3rd, 2026**
- c. March 10th, 2026 Payroll Summary**

After discussion, Councilmember Bowers made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. CFD La France Restoration Update – Cologne Fire Chief Chad Vos**

Cologne Fire Chief's Vos and Loscheider provided the Council a history of the La France, fundraising and city donations towards the project, selection of the restoration contractor and pictures of progress to date. The La France was delivered to Vintage Vehicle Restorations in Pennsylvania in July of 2023, and while no completion date has been shared, the project is 65% complete.

- b. Res No 26-06 Adopting the 2025 Carver County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Cologne Fire Chief Chad Vos**

Chief Vos described the work that went into preparing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Res No 26-06 Adopting the 2025 Carver County Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. Planning Commission Recommended Ordinance Revisions**

Administrator Morrison updated the Council on the work that the Planning Commission has done in reviewing different sections of the Ordinance book with the City Planner and updating various sections to make them relevant to today. The plan is to hold a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions at the April 20th City Council Meeting. Council members were asked to look over the red lined versions of the Ordinances and reach out to Administrator Morrison with any questions or comments.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Mayor / Council / Committees Reports**
- c. February Sheriff Report**

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:05 PM, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk



Matt Lein

Mayor