



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 4, 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, Olson and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bower to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Bruss. 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. April 20, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from April 21st, 2026**
- c. May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 Payroll Summary and Q1 CFD Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve New Liquor License for Inn Town LLC**

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

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance Chapter 30 Amending the City of Cologne City Code Related to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission**

Administrator Morrison highlighted the recommended changes to Chapter 30 of the City Code as proposed by the Planning Commission with input from the City Planner. Highlights include eliminating the Park and Recreation Board and defining what the Planning Commission is empowered to do. After discussion Councilmember Olson made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Cologne City Code Related to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission. Second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance Chapters 73 and 74 Amending Recreational and Special Vehicles, Bicycles, Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Roller Skis and Skateboards**

Administrator Morrison highlighted the recommended changes to Chapter's 73 and 74 of the City Code as proposed by the Planning Commission with input from the City Planner. Highlights include incorporating or deferring to State Statute when possible, Inclusion of Motorized items developed since the original ordinance and general cleanup of language. After discussion among the Councilmembers, Mayor Lein invited a resident to share his concerns which centered around the heavy residential presence in Business District and the impact of restricting the use of the street or public parking lots for the use of roller blades, and skateboards etc. After discussion Councilmember \_\_\_Bruss made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the City Code Related to recreational and Special Vehicles, Bicycles, Roller Blades, Skates, Skis and Skateboards with the striking of the words "street, or public parking lot" in Section 74.26 Unlawful Acts Section (A) (1) Second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. Letter of Intent to Participate in Met Council Small  
Communities Planning Program**

Administrator Morrison reviewed the Small Cities Planning Program offered through the Met Council to assist small cities in developing their 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Informational only, no action was being requested.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**a. Administrator Update**

Administrator Morrison informed Council that she is looking into changing credit card payment vendors. The new vendor has an option to pass on convenience fees and ach service fees onto the card holder. As the city currently pays approximately \$800 per month to cover the convenience fees, the council was asked how they felt about passing on the fees. The discussion raised questions that Administrator Morrison would research and respond to at the next Council Meeting.

**b. Mayor / Council / Committees Reports**

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

**9. ADJOURN**


Motion by Councilmember Olson to adjourn at 7:40 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk

Attest:

  
Matt Lein

Mayor