



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 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

Administrator Morrison asked to add including the approval of annual liquor licenses for 212 Tavern and Pounders as paperwork was returned completed today. Motion by Councilmember Bowers to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. 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. May 4, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from May 5th, 2026**
- c. May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve Annual Liquor License for The Corral, Pounders Bar and Grill and 212 Tavern**
- e. Approve Res No 26-09 Accepting Donation**

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

## **6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **a. Non-Profit Rental Agreement Clarification**

Administrator Morrison reviewed history with non-profits using the city facilities and asked the Council for guidance on how to handle rentals going forward. After discussion Councilmember Bowers Made a Motion to provide Cologne based Non-Profits (CFD, Lions, Hollanders, Cologne Academy and Communities of Belonging) one Friday rental at no charge, additional Friday rentals or any Saturday rental may be booked for 50% of the current resident rate on the City Fee Schedule. Refundable Damage Deposit and mandatory cleaning fee must be paid as well, second by Councilmember Olson. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Bowers then made a motion to provide the Cologne Leos two rentals annually at no charge. The rental may be on a Saturday, but limited to a half day rental, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Update on Payment Vendor Changes**

Administrator Morrison provided the Councilmembers with answers to their questions on fees for bank and credit card transactions transition options. Direction from the council was to move forward with the change.

## **7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Mayor / Council / Committees Reports**
- c. Q 1 and April 2026 Sheriff Reports**

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

## **9. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:45 PM, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Michelle Morrison*

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City Administrator/City Clerk

Attest:



Matt Lein

Mayor