



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 15, 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 Bruss, Olson and Szaroletta were present. Councilmember Bowers and City Administrator Morrison were absent. City Planner Cindy Nash was also present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

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 18th, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from May 19th, 2026**
- c. June 2nd, and June 16th 2026 Payroll Summary**
- d. Approve Annual Liquor License for Hollanders and Inn Town**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Release \$50,000 Letter of Credit No. 3100103 for early grading at Village at Cologne 18th**

Mayor Lein explained to council that this is typical with Developments as they progress to seek reductions in the letters of credit. Mayor Lein asked Ms. Nash if she had anything to add. Ms. Nash explained that the developer has replaced this letter of credit with a much larger one as the development moves forward past the early grading phase, which was what the \$50,000 LOC was covering. Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to release the \$50,000 LOC for Village at Cologne 18th Addition, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Resolution 26-10 Authorizing Participation in the Met Council's Small Communities Planning Program for Assistance with Preparation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Lein informed the Council that this had been discussed at a May meeting and is just the formal process to move forward. After asking if anyone had questions, Councilmember Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-10, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. Resolution 26-11 Approving a Variance at 401 Prairie View Dr.**

City Planner Cindy Nash reviewed her memo to the council, explaining the request and covering the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval subject to the conditions they recommended. Ms. Nash then reviewed the conditions. Councilmember Olson asked how the conditions are enforced should the property be sold. Ms. Nash stated that the variance would be recorded against the property and would appear in

any title search that a future buyer would be provided. There being no more questions Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve Resolution 26 -11 Approving a Variance at 401 Prairie View Dr, second by Councilmember Olson. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Jacobsen 16 Ft Mower Replacement

Mayor Lein advised the council that the request is to replace the existing 2008 Jacobsen 16 Ft mower with basically the same machine but including a cab after answering questions, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to accept the low bid from Turf Werks for a Jacobsen HR800 Mower at a cost not to exceed \$124,487.50, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

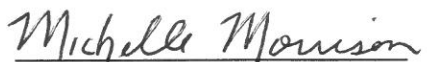
- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Mayor / Council / Committees Reports**
- c. May Sheriff Report**

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

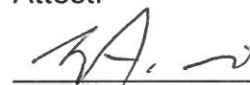
Motion by Councilmember Olson to adjourn at 7:11 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk

Attest:


Matt Lein

Mayor