



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 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 Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bowers 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. **July 20th, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. **Accounts Payable from July 21st, 2026**
- c. **July 28th and August 11th Payroll Summaries**
- d. **Gambling License for Southern Valley Alliance Bingo
November 8th Pounders**
- e. **Gambling License and Temporary Liquor License for Cologne
Lions October 3rd Bingo and Raffle**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. **Administrator Update**
- b. **Mayor / Council / Committee Reports**
 - i. **CFD Pera Committee**

Councilmembers Bruss and Bowers provided an update on a meeting held to discuss the mechanics of how SVF PERA works. Ms. Bruss shared a document she created "Annual Firefighter Compensation Review" that she recommended be used every August at an annual meeting with a committee of Fire Department members. The annual meeting with both members of the City Council and the Department would help improve the relationship and insure that all elements of the department's compensation, Hourly Call Rate, Chief Salaries and Pension Benefit, be reviewed for soundness and assure a fair compensation package.

- c. **Second Quarter and July Sheriff Reports**

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:10 PM, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk

Attest:


Matt Lein

Mayor