



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 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 Olson to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Bowers. 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. August 17th, 2026 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from August 18th, 2026**
- c. August 25th and September 8th Payroll Summaries**

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

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 26-15 Approving Variance Related to Signage at 409 Paul Ave S (Circle K)**

Administrator Morrison updated the Council on the Public Hearing that was held September 2nd, Planning Commissioners questions regarding the variance and their unanimous recommendation that the City Council approve the Variance. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to approve the signage variance for Circle K with the condition that the work be substantially the same as presented, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance 2026-03 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Cologne**

Administrator Morrison explained to the City Council that City Zoning maps must align with respective Comprehensive Plans adopted for the city. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2018, but the Zoning Map was not updated with the Comp Plan changes. The current zoning map dates to 2015. Morrison worked with City Planner Cindy Nash and Jake Saulsbury from Bolton and Menk to review all parcels in the city and determine which needs to be updated.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at its September 2nd meeting and reviewed the proposed changes and final map with Ms. Nash. The Planning Commission passed a unanimous motion recommending the City Council adopt the amended Zoning Map.

After discussion, Councilmember Bowers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Cologne, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approve Summary Ordinance for Publishing Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Cologne

d.

The passage of Ordinance 2026-03 Amending the Zoning Map does not become effective until published. The Summary Ordinance for Publishing must be approved by Council and published in the official newspaper to be effective.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve and publish the Summary Ordinance as presented, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Administrator Update

b. Mayor / Council / Committees Reports

Fire Chief Vos was in attendance to discuss next steps with the payroll committee. Discussion was had about the documents Councilmember Bruss had created and reviewed with Council at the last meeting that included an Annual Firefighter Compensation Review Form. The consensus was that the Committee would meet with the Fire Department to complete the Compensation Review and report back to the Council any recommended changes to compensation by the last meeting in October.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

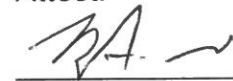
Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:20 PM, second by Councilmember Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Morrison

City Administrator/City Clerk

Attest:


Matt Lein

Mayor