

**City of Cologne
August 3, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Scott Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeff McInnis, Carol Szaroletta, Kyle Evenski, and Don Meyer were present. City Administrator Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Sue Mueller were present.

City Administrator Jesse Dickson requested the Cologne Fire Relief Association/Department be added (b) under Visitors.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Meyer, seconded by McInnis to approve the revised agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a) July 20, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) August 3, 2015 – Expenditures
- c) July 28, 2015 Payroll

Motion by Meyer seconded by Evenski to adopt the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

a) Craig Pexa – 35 & over baseball tournament

Craig Pexa updated the Council on the Cologne Hollanders 35 & over baseball tournament scheduled for the weekends of Aug. 22 & 23 and Aug 29 & 30. The tournament will feature 48 teams in five classes, games to be held in Jordan, Belle Plaine, St. Peter and Cologne. The Hollanders will be hosting 11 to 15 games and the last day a state championship in one of the classes will be held in Cologne. Pexa thanked the Council for their ongoing support, and is hoping eventually to bring a state amateur baseball tournament to Cologne.

b) Cologne Fire Relief Association

Cologne Fire Chief Chuck Joos and Treasurer John Hendel updated the council on their request for an increase in pension funds for the Cologne Firemen. Chief Joos and Treasurer Hendel are recommending an increase from the current amount of \$890.00 to \$1,500.00 contribution, this would also switch it from “split the pot” funding to a defined benefit benefit. Joos explained the pension fund would need to increase from \$480,487 to \$855,240 with the city and townships making up the difference over the next ten years. The three townships are supportive of some increase, but the city would have to provide the majority of funds.

Chief Joos and Treasurer Hendel explained the different community events the Fire Department members volunteer their time for, including:

- Glad Days
- Fire House Drive In
- School Education

Councilmember Jeff McInnis and Kyle Evenski recommended the Council schedule a special meeting in the near future to review different options, and get further information on how other communities come to the contribution amount. City Administrator Jesse Dickson was directed to schedule the special meeting for 6:00 p.m. August 17, 2015.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a) Bernie Shambour – Benches in Cologne

Former Mayor Bernie Shambour requested approval for installing a memorial bench at the pier by Benton Lake. Bernie Shambour Sr. was a city public works employee and is requesting the bench as a memorial to his late wife Irene.

Motion by Evenski, seconded by Meyer to approve the memorial bench for Irene Shambour. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

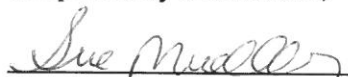
- a) Cologne YTD budget
- b) Draft Contract for Police Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS


ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn by McInnis, seconded by Evenski to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Mueller, City Clerk

ATTEST:


Scott Williams, Mayor