

**City of Cologne
November 2, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Scott Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeff McInnis, Don Meyer, Kyle Evenski and Councilmember Carol Szaroletta were present. City Administrator Jesse Dickson, and City Clerk Sue Mueller were present.

City Administrator Jesse Dickson requested adding under Council Business item b) Public Works – Purchase of a Box Blade and Bucket

ADOPT AGENDA

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

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a) October 19, 2015 Council Minutes
- b) November 2, 2015 Council Expenditures
- c) October 20th, 2015 Payroll
- d) Cologne Lions Club Temporary Liquor License-December 12, 2015

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

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Roger Storms, Betsy Pysick – Celebrate Cologne Gala, January 9, 2016

Roger Storms and Betsy Pysick reported on an upcoming event they are organizing to promote and celebrate Cologne's history. The event will be a formal "red carpet" gala highlighting the German heritage of Cologne. An authentic German meal will be served along with showings of the historical 1939 film "The Diary of Esther and Raymond Dowidat" as well as the video of the 125th Anniversary Parade. Roger Storms requested the Council requested Council approval to for waiver of the rental fees for the event.

Motion by Meyer seconded by McInnis to approve waiving the rental fees of the Cologne Community Center for the Celebrate Cologne Gala, January 9, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a) Bolton & Menk I & I Reduction Plan/Sewer Televising

City Administrator Jesse Dickson presented the Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Plan/Sewer Televising Findings & Recommendations received from Jake Saulsbury, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Findings from Jake Saulsbury are:

The cleaning and re-televising of a portion of the sanitary sewer system was completed by Sewer Services, Inc. The City currently has a credit of \$22,902 for dumping of domestic waste at the City's wastewater treatment plant. The pricing estimate to complete the cleaning and repair is \$15,000 to \$20,000, which the credit could be applied towards.

Recommendations from Jake Saulsbury are:

To comply with the MN Pollution Control Agency's requirements Jake Saulsbury recommended the City proceed with implementation of the Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Plan. Mr. Saulsbury recommended authorizing Sewer Services, Inc. to clean and televise the areas in the diagrams presented.

Councilmember Evenski asked if the city is required to get additional quotes. City Administrator Jesse Dickson, reported not if it is under \$20,000.00. Councilmember Jeff McInnis requested staff to get additional quotes.

b) Public Works – Purchase of a Box Blade and Bucket

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reported Public Works employee Mark Eggers recommended the purchase of a box blade and bucket to make snow removal more efficient and timesaving with hauling of snow. Councilmembers Evenski and McInnis asked what equipment was purchased last year for snow removal. Councilmember Meyer requested more information be provided before consideration.

BOARD REPORTS

a) Fire Department Pension Fund

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reported on findings from the Minnesota State Auditor regarding the increase requested from the Cologne Fire Department.

- A raise or shift in the pension has to start within the relief association.
- By-laws/guidelines are to be updated.
- Defined Contributions need to be changed to a Defined Benefit Plan.
- Three official members are required to be on the Relief Associations Board of Trustees, one being the Fire Chief.

The pension increase was tabled until the By-Laws/Guidelines are updated.

Councilmember Don Meyer questioned why the requested Pension increase is not proceeding. Administrator Dickson reported the last time the By-Law/Guidelines were reviewed was in 2003. Administrator Dickson reported he would like to

review them with the Relief Association. Administrator Dickson reported he would like to combine the Fire Departments Guidelines with the City of Cologne's Personnel Policy.

Councilmember Meyer reported the Firemen are underpaid for their hourly rate and questioned the cost of having legal fees add up while the issue is not be resolved.

Councilmember McInnis requested City Administrator Dickson research and report back within two weeks on the following:

- Median high ranges from other communities on-call time/training time.
- Townships be contacted by November 16th, Councilmember McInnis to be included, schedule a meeting.
- Staff to meet with Chief Charles Joos, to review the Guidelines by Friday, November 6th for an initial discussion and by the following Friday, November 13th a follow up meeting with the Assistant Chief.

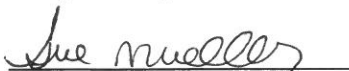
Motion by McInnis seconded by Evenski to appoint Councilmember Carol Szaroletta and City Administrator Jesse Dickson as the ex officio members of the Relief Association Board of Trustees. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

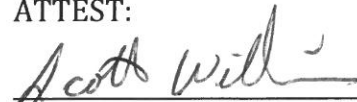
ADJOURN MEETING

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