



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019 - 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:	Carol Szaroletta
Councilmember:	Sarah Bruss
Councilmember:	Rachel Lenzen
Councilmember:	Nathan Kells

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, Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator – Jesse Dickson and City Clerk – Michelle Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. 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. **October 7, 2019 Minutes**
- b. **October 15, 2019 Payroll Summary**
- c. **October 21, 2019 Check Summary**
- d. **Res No 19-19 Accepting Donation**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Mark Wegner, TC&W Railroad

Mr. Wegner, CEO of Twin Cities & Western Railroad, reviewed the past year's events around the Highway 36 road closure proposal in connection with the bridge over Highway 36. After public hearings on the impact of the road closure, a 10 year fix was proposed at a cost of \$108,000 to be split 3 ways between the City of Cologne, Carver County and TC&W Railroad. The City's legal counsel subsequently advised the City that it cannot legally invest in a project that is outside the City limits. As a result, the City did not contribute to the project and the County and TC&W railroad split the cost.

Mr. Wegner then proposed that in conjunction with the City's upcoming road project, an improvement be included to replace the Adams Ave S crossing with a new concrete foundation. The estimated cost for the project is \$51,237.64. It was established that the City's third of the bridge project would have been \$37,237.64. Discussion was had on funding and competitive bid issues. Mayor Lein asked Administrator Dickson to get clarification from legal counsel on both issues. The project would be coordinated with the street construction contractor.

Mr. Wegner reiterated that the bridge project is only a 10 year fix and suggested that a joint effort be made with City personnel, TC&W and the County to start working on funding options for a permanent fix.

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to authorize up to \$37,237.64 towards the Adams Ave S crossing project with the understanding that if the total project cost goes above 10% of the quoted \$51,237.64 TC&W can come back to the council to seek additional support from the Council. Second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Laura Hron Parking Request

Laura Hron, an employee at Cologne Academy, came before the Council to discuss options that may be available for her to park in the City Hall parking lot during the school year. She was willing to pay for a permit to park. After discussion around how to deal with additional requests if other Cologne Academy staff would like to use the parking lot, moving vehicles in the winter when snow removal in the lot is required, insuring there is enough parking in the lot for events held in City Hall i.e.: blood mobile, senior citizen days and regular City business/fitness center member parking – it was decided that there was just not a good way to accommodate the request.

7. BOARD REPORT

a. September and 3rd Quarter Sheriff's Reports

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Highway 36 Closure November 4-15

City Administrator Dickson advised the Council that Highway 36 would be closed November 4 -15. The bridge repairs discussed earlier in the meeting will be happening at that time.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:42 PM. Second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.


CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Oct 26	Saturday	Lion's Oktoberfest
Nov 4	Monday	6:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting
Nov 4	Monday	7:00 PM City Council Meeting
Nov 11	Monday	OFFICES CLOSED – VETRANS DAY

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle M Morrison, City Clerk


Matt Lein, Mayor

