



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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### 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

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**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 were City Administrator – Jesse Dickson and City Clerk – Michelle Morrison.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**

John Fahey, candidate for Carver County District 5 Commissioner spoke to the Council on his campaign to serve the residents if elected.

## **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. September 21, 2020 City Council Minutes**
- b. October 5, 2020 Check Summary Register**
- c. September 29, 2020 Payroll Summary**

After answering questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Kells to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **a. PUBLIC HEARING: Cable TV Franchise Agreement.**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to open the Public Hearing, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried unanimously. Christine Anderson, an attorney representing Metronet, spoke to the Council about the recent purchase of Jaguar Communications and the business plan to bring fiber optic Internet and Cable TV to Cologne. The ability to assess a franchise fee on the Cable Television portion of the bill was discussed in depth. The consensus of the Council was to not assess a franchise fee at this time. Mayor Lein asked if there was any public comment on the Cable TV Franchise Agreement, there being none, Councilmember Kells made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Betsy Pysick**

Citizen Betsy Pysick came before the Council to discuss various community events. Christmas in Cologne would be held Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at City Square Park. Food trucks would be available, no Alcohol would be sold, and businesses would be invited to decorate live Christmas Trees that would be donated to needy families. The consensus of the Council was that City Square Park could be used for the event. The Glad Days Committee is looking to have a parade in town next summer and needs help with getting a permit to cross the state highway. Mayor Lein suggested that Councilmember Bruss and a representative from the Cologne Fire Department work with Betsy on the specific parade route, and asked Administrator Dickson to investigate the specifics of getting a permit from the State. Finally, she shared that there were some safety concerns with Veterans Park that she would like the City to address.

### **c. Freedom Storage Light Complaint**

Administrator Dickson reviewed his memo to the Council with details on the light meter readings. None of the readings were in violation of the City Ordinance. Lengthy discussion was had on the specific use of the subject property, changes that have

occurred recently and the permitting process. It was the consensus of the Council, that as no light ordinance violation is happening, there is nothing further that they can do about the issue.

**d. CCC Parking Lot Chip Sealing Quote**

Administrator Dickson reviewed the proposal for pavement maintenance. Motion by Councilmember Kells to approve the Bergen quote as presented, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**


**9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. ADJOURN**


Councilmember Kells made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
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Michelle M Morrison

City Clerk

  
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Matt Lein

Mayor

