



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 2, 2021 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, and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

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. **July 19, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. **August 2, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. **August 3, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. **2020 Streets & Utilities Payment Request #9**

Councilmember Szaroletta made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0

6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Cologne Fire & Rescue Department New Hires

Fire Chief Nick Joos informed the Council that 7 applications were received to join the Cologne Fire Department. After testing and interviewing, Chief Joos recommends the probationary hiring of: Andrea Stevens, Nick Burkhalter, Nick Lueck and Carter Milbrett. The Fire Department will now have a crew of 31 fire fighters.

Councilmember Bruss made a motion to accept Fire Chief Joos' recommendation for the probationary hiring, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

b. PUBLIC HEARING - Tax Abatement for Highway 284 Project

c. Resolution 21-10 Issuing 2021A GO Bonds

d. Resolution 21-11 Approving Property Tax Abatements

Motion by Councilmember Kells to open the public hearing for tax abatement, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0. Administrator Dickson reviewed the scope of the project and street closures planned. A stretch of Highway 284 will be one lane and north bound traffic will be detoured for the entire project. Chief Joos expressed concern over emergency response vehicles and large vehicle turnarounds. The City Administrator was asked to set up a meeting with Bolton & Menk, the Fire Chief and the Mayor to discuss concerns. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt resolution 21-10 Issuing 2021A GO Bonds, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt resolution 12-11 Approving Property Tax Abatements, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Heinrich Annexation Petition

Administrator Dickson summarized his memo on actions taken since the last council meeting highlighting that Carver County had many access questions and recommended waiting on any action. Councilmember Bruss made a motion to take no action in

pursuing the annexation process for neighboring properties until the county transportation corridor study is completed, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

f. 2022 Police Contract

The council discussed policing needs for the next year with no action needing to be taken at this time.

8. BOARD REPORTS

The Council discussed its current rental spaces available to the public, all of which had been closed or with reduced capacity over the past 16 months during the pandemic. It was the consensus of the Council to no longer rent out Louis Hall to the public. Councilmember Kells discussed the project to update the display case at city hall and asked staff to provide an estimate to install an electric outlet. Administrator Dickson informed the Council that the park in Winkler Crossing 3rd addition is complete and a ribbon cutting may be scheduled in the Spring of 2022. Councilmembers Bruss and Kells will work on a contest to "name the park" and "name the city snowplows"

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 8:32 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor