



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Kells was absent

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein asked to add under New Council Business item d. Hwy 284 Project Update and e. Resignation of Planning Commission member Larry Revering. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Stanley Klein came before the council to ask for an update on the clean up of property located next door to him. Administrator Dickson advised that he had not received an update from the County Attorneys office but that he would follow up with the County.

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. August 16, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. August 25, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. September 7, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- d. August 31, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- e. Resolution 21-14 Accepting Donations**
- f. St Bernard's Gambling Permit 11-6-21**
- g. Truth in Taxation Hearing 12-20-21**
- h. 2020 Streets & Utilities Pay Request #10**
- i. Geotech Pay Request #4**

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Bergen Seal Coat Quotes 8-30-21

Administrator Dickson reviewed the bids for routine maintenance. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to accept the bids from Bergen Seal Coat for work at the water treatment plant at a cost not to exceed \$10,930.00 and for work at the bike trail by treatment plant as a cost not to exceed \$2,973.00, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Resolution 21-15 Declaring Cost to be Assessed

c. Resolution 21-16 Receiving Assessment Roll

Administrator Dickson reviewed the resolutions pertaining to the street project assessment. After discussion, Councilmember Bruss made a motion to accept Resolution 21-15 Declaring Cost to be Assessed and Resolution 21-16 Receiving Assessment Roll, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Hwy 284 Project Update

The council discussed progress on the retaining wall project and challenges with the road detour. Meetings have been held with the State of Minnesota as the road detour is

controlled by the state. Stop signs and traffic control lights have been discussed, but there would be an additional cost if lights are installed. Given the importance of safety and the potential need to make a quick decision the council discussed giving authority to the mayor to make a decision without the delay of calling a special council meeting. After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to give authority to Mayor Lein in conjunction with Administrator Dickson and Fire Chief Joos to authorize the installation of traffic control devices at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 during the duration of the Highway 284 retaining wall construction project, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Planning Commissioner Resignation

Mayor Lein advised the council that planning commission chairperson Larry Revering had given written notice of his intent to resign the planning commission effective December 31, 2021

8. BOARD REPORTS

a. Dog Park Costs Update

Administrator Dickson provided updates on bids he had received for water line dig in and fencing. No action is being requested as he is still waiting on additional bids.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS


10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN


Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:46 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor