



## City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021 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 Kells, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

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

### **3. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

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

#### **a. Gracia Hegener – Cologne Community of Belonging**

Gracia Hegener explained to the Council that the Cologne Community of Belonging program is part of the 2020 – 2024 Carver County Community Health Improvement plan

with a goal to build stronger, safer, and more inclusive communities. Cologne is the first of 11 cities in the County to start the program. A survey will be going out to all residents in October and the results will be compiled by the first of the year to guide next steps.

**b. Cologne Residents**

Not on the agenda, but present in the Council Chambers were residents Leo Rohlik of 303 Lake St and Jim Solberg of 301 Lake St. Both spoke to the Council about questions on their street assessments and issues with the quality of the street project. Administrator Dickson will look into the issues.

**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 7, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. September 20, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. September 14, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. Accept Resignation of Larry Revering from Planning Commission effective December 31, 2021**
- e. Cologne Hollander's Gambling Permit App 11-5-21**
- f. Cologne Hollander's Temporary Liquor Lic. 11-5-21**
- g. Highway 284 Project Pay Request #1**

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

**6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**a. PUBLIC HEARING: Issuing Facilities Revenue Notes**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to open the public hearing, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0. Deana Siekman, Director of World Learner School in Chaska came before the Council to explain the refinancing of the schools existing debt. No other members of the public were present to speak. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to close the public hearing, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Resolution 21-17 Issuing Facilities Revenue Notes**

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt Resolution 21-17 Issuing Facilities Revenue Notes, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 4-0.

**c. Resolution 21-18 Approving 2022 Preliminary Levy**

Administrator Dickson reviewed the proposed 2022 Preliminary Levy with the Council noting that the overall increase is 7.5% which translates to a roughly 1% increase in a resident's city tax bill. Projects included are fencing for Marion Field, John Ave alley work, and preliminary engineering work for the Meadow Ave Street project scheduled

for 2024. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt Resolution 21-18 Approving the 2022 Preliminary Levy, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. BOARD REPORTS**

**a. August 2021 Sheriff's Report**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrator Dickson advised that he is still planning on having open gym on Wednesday and Sunday's.

Councilmember Kell's reviewed brochures he had created promoting the Dog Park and Cologne Bench Sponsorship.

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

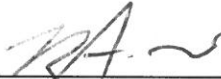
**11. ADJOURN**

Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to adjourn at 7:55 PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
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Michelle M Morrison  
City Clerk

  
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Matt Lein  
Mayor