



City Council Meeting Minutes

*Monday, December 20, 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, Lenzen and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator - Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lein asked to modify the agenda to add item i. December 22, 2021 Cologne Fire Dept. payroll to the consent agenda. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried 5-0

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. **December 6, 2021 City Council Minutes**
- b. **December 20, 2021 Check Summary Register**
- c. **December 21, 2021 Payroll Summary**
- d. **December 21 City Council and Planning Commission Payroll**
- e. **Resolution 21-26 Designating Polling Place**
- f. **2020 Street & Utilities Pay Request No. 12**
- g. **2022 Prosecution Contract**
- h. **Pheasants Forever Gambling Permit App February 19, 2022**
- i. **December 22, 2021 Cologne Fire Dept Payroll**

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

6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. PUBLIC HEARING: Truth in Taxation

Motion by Councilmember Kells to open the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:05 PM, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held of recent newspaper reports on double digit property tax increases, unprecedented increases in property values in Carver County and the potential tax impact of the recent Bond passage in Central School District 108. Motion by Councilmember Bruss to close the public hearing at 7:10 PM, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution No 21-27 Approving 2022 Budget

After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-27 Approving 2022 Budget, second by Councilmember Bruss. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution No 21-28 Final Tax Levy Collectible 2022

After discussion Councilmember Lenzen made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-28 Final Tax Levy Collectible 2022, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

d. 2022 Federal Holidays

After discussion Councilmember Bruss made a motion to adopt the Federal Holidays as presented with Columbus Day being replaced with a floating holiday, second by Council member Kells. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Lein voting against the motion.

e. 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule

Motion by Councilmember Bruss to adopt the City Council Meeting Schedule as presented, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

f. 2022 Annual Appointments

Council reviewed existing appointments and after discussion agreed to appoint Abdo to a 3-year engagement as the City Auditor, Appoint Bernie Shambour as Chairperson and Jenn Brewington as Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission through December 31, 2023, add Matt Lein as Cologne Fire Relief Association Trustee and Sarah Bruss as Glad Days Committee Member. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the Annual Appointments as discussed, second by Councilmember Lenzen. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD REPORTS

a. November Sheriff's Report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN

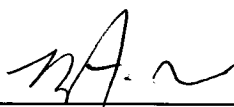
Motion by Councilmember Lenzen to adjourn at 7:30 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk



Matt Lein
Mayor