



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022 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

Acting Mayor Bruss called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Kells and Szaroletta were present. Also present were City Administrator Jesse Dickson and City Clerk Michelle Morrison. Mayor Lein and Councilmember Lenzen was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Administrator Dickson advised that approval of Andy's Lawn Service contract is being added to the consent agenda as item d. Motion by Councilmember Kells to adopt the revised agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Resident Jim Solberg came before the council to express his dissatisfaction with driveway repairs made to his property as part of the street project. After discussion it

was suggested that he send pictures of the damages to the city offices for distribution to the councilmembers. The street project is not complete, and he is on the punch list.

Residents Thomas and Barbara Kvale came before the council to discuss an interest in the city applying for an AARP Community Challenge Grant that averages \$11,000 and using the funds for improvements to Cologne Village Park making it more accessible, inclusive, and fun for all ages and abilities. After discussion the consensus was that Councilmember Kells and City Clerk Morrison would set a meeting with the Kvale's to work on submitting the grant.

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. February 22, 2022 City Council Minutes**
- b. March 7, 2022 Check Summary Register**
- c. March 1, 2022 Payroll Summary**
- d. Andy's Lawn Service Contract 2022**

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

6. OLD COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

i. Cologne Dog Park

Councilmember Kells updated the council on the proposed dog park – funds committed to date, and bids received. Motion by Councilmember Kells to move forward with scheduling the fence installation for the dog park contingent on the updated bid does not exceed \$35,000. Second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. City Square Park Tree Removal

Administrator Dickson reviewed 2 estimates received for the removal of two dying trees that were deemed to be hazardous at City Square Park. Motion by Councilmember Kells to accept the low bid from Summit Tree Experts for the tree removal at cost not to exceed \$5,664.38. Second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Kells shared with the council the mailing he had put together that is going to all residents promoting various ways to get involved in the community.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator Dickson updated the council on testimony he and Mayor Lein provided to the Committee on Capital Investment at the Capital in the hopes of securing funds for updates to the wastewater treatment plant and an update on the Otto property.


10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA


11. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Kells to adjourn at 8:10PM, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Michelle M Morrison
City Clerk


Matt Lein
Mayor