

City of Cologne City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Matt Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Evenski, Meyer, and Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator Jesse Dickson, City Engineer Jake Saulsbury, Public Works Superintendent Brian Vos, and Chuck Buckentin. Councilmember Bruss was absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AND MOVE ITEM A OF NEW BUSINESS ABOVE ITEM A OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. SECONDED BY SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

No visitors present.

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. August 7, 2017 Minutes
- b. August 21, 2017 Payroll
- c. August 21, 2017 Check Summary Register
- d. Resolution 17-12 Supporting Carver County's MHFP freight funding application
- e. Resolution 17-13 Approving advertisement for open gym supervisor

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Deer hunting on City property

City Administrator Dickson updated the Council on what he found out after speaking with a DNR representative. Dickson explained that the City of Red Wing does an in-house program. Dickson explained that the challenges are in creating the program and then maintaining/monitoring. Councilmember Szaroletta asked how many people can hunt safely in a 20 acre area at the same time. Given the questions, Councilmember Evenski doesn't think that a program like this can be safely implemented this year.

Mayor Lein asked Superintendent Vos if there is a deer problem on City property. Vos replied that they see deer, but that there aren't significant amounts.

Councilmember Szaroletta wondered where the deer will move as the City grows. Mayor Lein thinks that this is an issue that may need to be discussed down the road, but isn't an issue today.

Chuck Buckentin appeared before Council. Mr. Buckentin said that he doesn't think there is a deer problem, but was simply looking to find out if there was a way for him to be able to hunt on the City parcel.

Councilmember Evenski thinks that this should be a conversation that happens when we have a deer population issue in City limits. Evenski is concerned with being able to track everyone going in and out and the possible consequences of an accident on City property.

Mr. Buckentin suggests that if the City ever does a lottery, then it should require having hunters pass a shooting test before granting a license.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO TABLE INDEFINITELY DEER HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Cologne Dog Park

City Administrator Dickson explained the results of the dog park survey conducted over the course of the last month. Mayor Lein said the Mayor of Watertown told him their park gets used quite often. Councilmember Evenski is concerned with the cost of the park vs. where the money could get spent elsewhere, including a park in Winkler Crossing, possibly using the money to resurface the basketball/tennis court in VFW Park, location of the park, and how it affects the people who live around it. Evenski summarized that it would be a benefit, but the money could possibly be better spent elsewhere.

Superintendent Vos figures there's two options for location: by the WWTP or south of City Hall. Mayor Lein looked for a consensus on moving forward or not, to look for a location and start pricing out a potential park. Lein likes the idea and

knows it will get used. Councilmember Evenski agreed, but thinks that there are better expenditures. Lein said that the park will be worth it depending on what it costs. Lein would like to have a number for how much the project would cost for it to pass or fail.

Councilmember Evenski sees the benefit but maintains his reservations. Councilmember Szaroletta also has reservations and thinks the money could be better spent elsewhere, but would like to see the project move forward until the City has an idea of what it will cost. Councilmember Meyer is in favor of looking into it, but thinks the Park Board should head up the inquiry into the project. Meyer is concerned with the potential mess that City staff would have to clean. Mayor Lein wants to know how much it will cost, where it will go, and he would like to get the park board involved. Councilmember Evenski wondered how much land will we need and whether we have the space? Evenski is concerned with a possible claim if something happens at the park, regardless of what sign we hang. Evenski is not in favor of moving forward at this time as long as there are other possible better uses for the money.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. CIPP Award Letter

City Engineer Jake Saulsbury filled in the Council on the background of the CIPP sewer lining project. The City is spending \$28k each year on rainwater infiltrating the sewer lines through cracks and holes in lines. Saulsbury explained that these projects will reduce the amount of water that is being treated in the wastewater treatment plant. This project is a benefit towards the City's MPCA permit along with Cologne's Inflow & Infiltration reduction plan. There were five bidders for this project. The Engineer's estimate was \$77k, low bid is \$59k. Televising and evaluating on some point repairs are included in the bid. The bid price includes the extra work and the total price will go down if work can't be done. Hydro-Klean is local and gets about half the projects in the area that are bid. Another letter will most likely come in the winter depending on the evaluation of the point repairs.

Saulsbury recommends adding these CIPP projects into the next couple budgets.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM HYDRO CLEAN FOR \$59, 073.29 FOR THE CIPP PROJECT BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Mueller's road work proposal

Public Works Superintendent Brian Vos appeared to present the Mueller's road work proposal. Vos explained that there are other areas to be patched but they will be patched by the City Staff. The work will be milling and overlaying each of the proposed spots. Vos suggested some other work to be budgeted for 2018. Councilmember Evenski asked about the heaved road that is being fixed and whether it will damage the storm sewer by milling it. Superintendent Vos did not foresee any issues. There was no definitive start date until the proposal is signed, but the work will be completed in one day.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MUELLER BID FOR \$15,200.00 BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Carverlink fiber proposal

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CARVERLINK FIBER PROPOSAL BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Carverlink fiber construction agreement

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CARVERLINK FIBER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. BOARD REPORT

1) July Sheriff's report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Administrator Dickson announced that Roger Storms is presenting an idea to have new signs made through the Cologne Lions to hang through the City. Council preferred a couple of different signs to hang, potentially for Glad Days. Mayor Lein likes having the "established" date on the sign.

Councilmember Evenski announced that he and Councilmember Szaroletta have been talking about the employees that have gone through different trainings and how they are moved about on the pay scale. They would like to keep the process the same, but add a meeting around July 1 annually to address licenses throughout the year instead of at the end of the year. End of the year reviews will still work the same way. Employees will be expected to report to the Personnel Committee that classes have been taken/passed and a short summary explaining the training and how it is a benefit to the employee and


the City. The Personnel Committee expects that it will provide motivation for employees to search for extra training.

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ADJOURN


**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted:



Jesse Dickson, City Administrator

Attest:



Matt Lein, Mayor