



**Sept 18, 2017 /7:00**

### *Attendees*

- ☐ Matt Lein
- ☐ Don Meyer
- ☐ Kyle Evenski
- ☐ Sarah Bruss
- ☐ Carol Szaroletta
- ☐ Jesse Dickson
- ☐ Sue Mueller

### *Agenda*

#### *Change to Agenda*

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### • ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Evenski

Seconded by Meyer to adopt the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

#### • ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 5, 2017 Minutes
2. September 18, 2017 Expenditures
3. September 5 - September 7, 2017 Payroll
4. Water Treatment Facility Pay Request #11

Motion by Szaroletta seconded by Bruss to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

#### VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

- COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Cologne Fire Relief Association

a. Pension Fund Contribution 2017 and 2018

Fireman John Hendel reported after receiving the audit back from the Cologne Fire Relief Associations auditor the pension deficit for 2016 is \$243,406.00, the projected deficit will be \$213,554.00 for 2017

|                                      | 2017 ⅓ of deficit | 2108 ⅓ of deficit | 2019 ⅓ of deficit |
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| \$243,406.00                         | \$81,135.33       | \$81,135.33       | \$81,135.33       |
| \$213,554.00                         |                   |                   |                   |
| Required Contribution 2017           | \$23,630.00       |                   |                   |
| Projected Required Contribution 2018 | \$21,275.00       |                   |                   |

Chief Charles Joos reported the minimum the city has to pay in 2017 is \$23,630.00 if the city contributes more in 2017 the projected amount for 2018 would change. The amount required to be paid can be paid at any time, the city does not have to wait until the 2% state aid is received.

B. Resolution No. 17-14 Accepting \$3,000.00 Donation

Fireman John Hendel requested the city accept the \$3,000.00 donation from the Cologne Fire Department Relief Association to be used towards repairs at Village Park. Chief Charles Joos reported fifteen loads of black dirt would be delivered, volunteers from the Fire Department would assist in the repairs at Village Park.

Motion by Bruss to adopt Resolution No. 17-14 Accepting \$3,000.00 donation, seconded Szaroletta. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Cologne Fire Department FEMA Grant \$90,000.00 Communication Equipment

Captain Chad Vos reported every year FEMA has grants for fire operations and for aparatis. The cologne Fire Department has been applying for grants over the last fifteen years. This year they applied for radios and according to Captain Vos, for some reason the Cologne fire Department qualified for funds. They applied for just over \$90,000.00. \$85,906.00 amount and the Cologne Fire Department would need to match 5% of the grant. Chief Charles Joos reported they had to act a little dumb at the last meeting because for 3-4 days there were questions from FEMA regarding bank routing numbers. Chief Joos reported the Fire Department would be able to buy all radios in one year until confirmation was received from FEMA. Funds received from FEMA have to be applied towards the purchase of radios.

Motion by Evenski to accept FEMA grant #EMW-2016-GO-05-358 for the Cologne Fire Department seconded Szaroletta. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Joos reported the Fire Department has been working on developing a flag to be placed at the Fire Department. Chief Joos would like as many of the Councilmembers to be present at the Sunday, October 8th open house from 1:00 PM till 3:00 PM.

#### B. Cologne Baseball

Craig Pexa reported the Cologne Baseball Association is looking to make improvements at Fritz Field. The Cologne Baseball Association is requesting help to fund the cost. Options presented for improvements are:

Plywood cost \$1739.40

Pine board cost \$392.94

5 gallons pain cost \$620.00

Yellow paint and primer cost \$35.00

Total cost \$2787.34

Craig Pexa reported the paint cost does cover all the fence, front and back down the right field line. This does not cover the rest of the fence front and back (foul pole to foul pole). The Cologne Baseball Association is looking for assistance from the Public Works Department.

The Cologne Baseball Association will be looking into some other improvements over the next 2-3 years.

Replace home plate with Hill Topper Clay cost \$4,000.00 possibly in 2018.

New Bullpen down the right field line between the fence and the road cost \$2,800.00 possibly 2018.

New Scoreboard, recommend replacing Lions Park scoreboard cost \$30,000.00 possibly 2019.

Press box expansion cost \$600.00 fall of 2017.

The Cologne Hollanders are not asking for city money for the five items listed above, but is requesting the city waive any permit costs that may be required.

Motion Szaroletta, seconded Meyer to approve up to \$4,000.00 towards repairs on the fence at Fritz Field. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Truth N Taxation Hearing

To set the Truth N Taxation Hearing for December 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Motion Evenski to set the Truth N Taxation Hearing for December 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM seconded Bruss. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Preliminary Tax Levy 2018

City Administrator Jesse Dickson presented the following:

- The tax levy payable is an instrument that the City uses as a revenue source to pay for City services, like public works, parks, and administrative services. Property values in the City are used to determine the tax capacity, which is used as a general guide for how much a City might levy. The levy is also used to pay for debt service funds. Generally, the levy is not to be used to create revenue for enterprise funds such as the sewer fund, water fund, and storm sewer fund. Revenue for these funds are instead created through user fees.
- At a 9.4% increase to the levy from 2017, the City's debt service commitments would be completely funded. This preliminary levy also includes increases to a capital improvement fund for the Fire Department and its equipment and year two of a three year payment to fully fund the Fire Department Relief Association Pension Fund. Also included in this preliminary levy are upgrades to the Community Center including replacing the cameras and adding more card readers. Handicap accessible doors for the front entrance and parking lot lights for the south parking lot are also included.
- Due to the expected growth within Cologne in 2018, a 9.4% preliminary increase to the levy will create the necessary revenue to cover debt service and fund projects within Cologne, while still leaving room to reduce the increase before December. This preliminary increase is generally in line with what the City of Cologne has proposed in the past. The preliminary levy increase for 2017 payable was 10%.

a. Resolution No 17-15 2018 Preliminary Tax Levy and General Fund Budget

Motion by Evenski to approve Resolution No. 17-15 2018 Preliminary Tax Levy and General Fund Budget, Meyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Springsted - TIF Work Plan

Motion by Meyer to approve the Springsted - TIF Work Plan proposal Szaroletta seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Klein Property Appraisal

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reported the Klein property has sold since the City Council last discussed purchasing the property. In the process of the negotiations there were closed meeting which centered around appraisal data. The closed meetings should not become public and the appraisal data can be made public. Administrator Dickson is requesting Council make all meeting recordings and appraisal data from the Klein property negotiations public.

Motion by Szaroletta to make all meeting recordings and appraisal data from the Klein property negotiations public seconded Evenski . Motion passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### BOARD REPORT

1. August 2017 Sheriff Report

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesse re-schedule tour possibly the 2nd meeting in October. If anyone wants to go see it Jesse can have Jon Peterson from Bolton & Menk meet and give a tour.

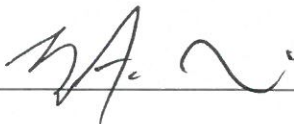
ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn Evenski , seconded by Bruss to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Sue Mueller, City Clerk

Attest:



Matt Lein, Mayor