

City of Cologne City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 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 pm.m. Councilmembers Evenski, Meyer, Szaroletta, and Bruss were present. Also present: City Administrator Jesse Dickson.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

No visitors present.

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. October 2, 2017 Minutes
- b. October 2, 2017 Payroll
- c. October 2, 2017 - October 16, 2017 Check Summary Register
- d. Resolution 17-16 Approving Open Gym Supervisor

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Liquor License Pounder's Bar & Grill, Inc.**

Katie Jensen appeared before the Council. Ms. Jensen announced that she and her husband are the ones purchasing DaBoar's. The name will be changed to Pounder's and they are going to keep the same staff and managers. Daboar's will be closing on November 1 and Pounder's will be opening on November 7.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR POUNDER'S BAR & GRILL, INC. CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY SHERIFF'S REPORT, INSURANCE INFORMATION

RECEIVED, THE SALE OF DABOAR'S BAR & GRILL TO POUNDER'S BAR & GRILL, INC., PROPERTY TAXES PAID CURRENT ON 610 W LAKE ST, AND APPROVAL FROM THE ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Jake Saulsbury, Bolton & Menk - Conrad Avenue

Jake Saulsbury appeared before the Council to discuss the Conrad Avenue project. Mr. Saulsbury went through the background of the project, including the drainage issues that caused a setback in the spring. He explained that in order to meet the desired timeline, drainage work would need to happen in the winter while the marsh is frozen. Part of the project is a memorandum of understanding with M&M Homes to place a drainage easement on their private property. If final design is approved, the next step is to go out for bids on November 20 and award in December. All street work will happen in the spring. Mayor Lein requested that B&M consider Cooling Systems' drainage issue along with the final design of the project.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONRAD AVE FINAL DESIGN AND BID DOCUMENTS. SECONDED BY EVENSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Tom Hoen, 314 Lake St E - Street light request

Tom Hoen appeared before the City Council. Mr. Hoen explained that his neighborhood is very dark during the evenings with minimal street light coverage. His home is across the street from the Paul Property that doesn't have any lights as it is a farm. The lights on that stretch of road are on either end, but not in the middle.

Mr. Hoen described incidents of vandalism and theft on the homes that are afflicted by the darkness from lack of street lights. Mr. Hoen requests that an extra street light be installed to fix the issue of darkness in the middle of the block.

Councilmember Evenski wondered if the City should begin to look into other areas that may require more street lights.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PUTTING A STREET LIGHT UP; IF FREE, STAFF HAS IT INSTALLED, IF THERE IS A FEE, BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Muskrat issue follow-up

City administrator went through the prepared memo and gave Scott Conley's opinions on the retention area. Councilmember Meyer asked if it is worth doing the work for the first year but revisiting the following year.

Councilmember Evenski explained that doing it for one year will most likely see the muskrats repopulate without the proper attention. Evenski requested looking into a second opinion on muskrat problem to determine if removal is necessary. Mayor Lein expressed his interest in taking care of the issue if there is an over-population concern.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL A SECOND OPINION IS GATHERED. SECONDED BY SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. Outdoor display case for Splashpad

Mayor Lein described a situation where he had been approached by a resident to have a display case by the Splashpad similar to the one at the Community Center.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 42" X 32" OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE SPLASHPAD FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$400. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. Evenski Temporary Absence from City of Cologne

Councilmember Evenski went through the details of the sale of his current house and the purchase of his new home in Cologne and the issue that arose. His home sold more quickly than anticipated, which then forced an issue that would put him in NYA for a period of approximately two months between the closing of his home sale and the delivery of his new home. Councilmember Evenski expressed his passion for serving the City of Cologne and his desire to remain on the City Council during his temporary absence.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO APPROVE COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI'S CONTINUING ON THE COUNCIL AS A TEMPORARY RESIDENT. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0; EVENSKI RECUSED.

MOTION BY MAYOR LEIN TO RECESS UNTIL 8:00 P.M. SECONDED BY MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Lein called the meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

g. CLOSED SESSION: Review appraisal data for 305 Playhouse St
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO CLOSE THE OPEN MEETING. SECONDED BY SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO OPEN THE CLOSED

MEETING. SECONDED BY MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS TO CLOSE THE CLOSED MEETING. SECONDED BY SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO RE-OPEN THE OPEN MEETING. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council met in closed session to determine a consensus on a price range for negotiating the sale of the City parcel.

Mayor Lein explained that the City would consider selling the parcel and the shed due to interest from a party that has a desire to develop the area, and that all the City equipment including the fire department equipment will have to have a place to go before the City got rid of its shed.

Councilmember Evenski wanted to make sure that if the City goes through with a sale that there is enough room for everything that is in the shed throughout the City.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SALE PROCESS FOR THE CITY PARCEL WITHIN AGREED UPON RANGE REACHED IN CLOSED SESSION. SECONDED BY BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. BOARD REPORT
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
10. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14 P.M. SECONDED BY MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



mayor



City Administrator

Date: November 6th 2017