

**City of Cologne  
September 2, 2014**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Matt Lein, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Scott Williams, Kyle Evenski and Jeff McInnis were present. Councilmember Don Meyer was absent. City Administrator John Hendel, and Deputy Clerk Sue Mueller were present.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Motion Evenski, seconded by Williams to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) August 18, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) August 26, 2014 – September 2, 2014 Expenditure
- c) August 23, 2014 – September 2, 2014 Payroll
- d) Cologne Lions Temporary Liquor License October 25, 2014
- e) Cologne Lions Gambling Permit October 25, 2014

*Motion by Williams, seconded by McInnis to adopt the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

**VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a) **Resolution No. 14-14 Minnesota Public Facilities Authority GO Notes**  
City Administrator John Hendel updated the Council on the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan for the water main project. Hendel explained the amount of general obligation bond is for \$839,216. Hendel stated he expects the actual amount to be slightly over \$700,000. The project will complete the water main loop from north of highway 212 on the city's west side to the south side of Cologne.

*Motion by Williams, seconded by Evenski to approve Resolution No. 14-14 Minnesota Public Facilities Authority General Obligation Note. Motion passed unanimously.*

- b) **Old City road Grader and site dedication**  
City Administrator John Hendel reported the Public Works staff created a display for the old city road grader just west of the fire department. Hendel reported retired Public Works employee Bernie Shambour used the grader during his employment with the city. Staff is recommending the area be dedicated to Bernard "Bernie" Shambour Sr. for his 38 plus years of service to the City of Cologne and approve the purchase of a plaque estimated to be under \$200.00.

***Motion by Williams, seconded by Evenski to approve the site dedication for the old city road grader and plaque purchase. Motion passed unanimously.***

**c) Ponds on Benton Creek Estates Additions-Tabled from 8/18/14**

Administrator John Hendel presented a report from Jake Saulsbury, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, Inc. with findings and recommendations for the Pond View Court and Gold Nugget Drive Pond. The report explained the north pond needs some cleaning. The cost to conduct soil testing is estimated at \$3,000.

***Motion by Williams, seconded by McInnis to approve the soil testing. Motion passed unanimously.***

**d) 2015 Preliminary Tax Levy**

Administrator John Hendel explained different options for the 2015 Tax Levy.

- i) Increase the tax levy by \$38,000.00 to \$1,024,629, which is a 3.8% increase.
- ii) Increase the tax levy by approximately 12% to \$1,105,000 which is an increase of \$118,371.00.

Administrator Hendel explained the 12% increase would allow the city to start working on large projects, such as, an industrial park. Administrator Hendel did not recommend a 12% increase only that the preliminary tax levy be set high enough so that when the 2015 Budget is determined the final levy can be adjusted lower if necessary. Administrator Hendel explained that each year the city bond payments increase and he recommended increasing the levy to avoid the city cash reserves from being depleted over the upcoming years. Administrator Hendel reported that a 6.43% increase would be an increase of \$63,000.00 to the city with the levy at \$1,050,000.00.

***Motion by Williams seconded by McInnis to approve the Preliminary 2015 Tax Levy at \$1,050,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.***

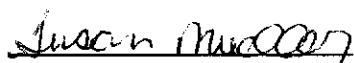
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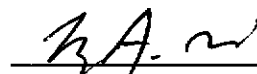
**ADJOURN MEETING**

***Motion by McInnis, seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Mueller, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Matt Leih, Mayor