

**City of Cologne
July 20, 2015**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Scott Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Carol Szaroletta, Kyle Evenski, and Don Meyer were present. Councilmember Jeff McInnis was absent. City Administrator Jesse Dickson was present. Deputy Clerk Sue Mueller was absent. City Engineer Jake Saulsbury was present.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Szaroletta to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a) July 6, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) July 9, 2015 – July 20, 2015 Expenditures
- c) July 20, 2015 Payroll
- d) Final Sunshare Contract

Motion by Meyer seconded by Szaroletta to adopt the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

City Engineer Jake Saulsbury presented and explained the Inflow and Infiltration Report Plan. Saulsbury stated that it would take roughly two to three years to tackle the worst areas of Cologne. Councilmember Evenski suggested designating a portion of the annual budget to I&I.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. St. Bernard's Sign

City Administrator Jesse Dickson presented the application for a new permanent sign by St. Bernard's Church. The sign is non-conforming but was recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Szaroletta to approve sign permit for St. Bernard's. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Sunshare Property Tax Proposal

City Administrator Jesse Dickson presented a proposal from Sunshare to "share the pain" of property tax increases by adding a 1% escalator to the original contract after year 7.

Motion by Szaroletta, seconded by Meyer to deny the addition of an escalator to the Sunshare contract. Motion passed unanimously.

c. WM Mueller Pothole Repairs

City Administrator Jesse Dickson presented a proposal from WM Mueller to repair potholes in Cologne.

- Patching Work \$24,570

Councilmember Meyer questioned if the City must obtain a second quote. City Administrator Dickson explained that the estimated cost was to be under \$25,000 and therefore did not meet the competitive bidding requirements.

Motion by Szaroletta, seconded by Meyer to accept proposal for pothole repair by WM Mueller for \$24,570. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Billboard on Highway 212

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reported that the billboard on Conrad Avenue overlooking Highway 212 is owned by Lamar and is operating under an expired lease contract. Dickson suggested a price range for negotiating a new lease agreement.

Council directed City Administrator Dickson to begin negotiations with Lamar in an effort to achieve a short term deal for \$3,000 annually. Council instructed to go no lower than \$2,400, and if a deal cannot be struck to invite a representative from Lamar to a Council meeting.

e. Council Representative for Fire Board

City Administrator Jesse Dickson instructed Council to elect a member to serve as the chairman of the Cologne Fire Advisory Board.

After a short discussion, Mayor Scott Williams offered to serve as chairman. Motion by Evenski, seconded by Meyer to appoint Williams to the Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

June 2015 Sheriff's Department Report was presented.

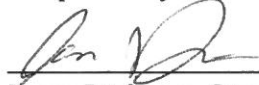
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- City Administrator Dickson announced the League of Minnesota Cities Small Cities Assistance Fund for Road Improvement which will provide the City with \$23,945 for streets.
- Mayor Scott Williams announced the hotel feasibility study that had begun two weeks prior and would most likely conclude in a month.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion at 7:37 by Meyer, seconded by McInnis to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Dickson, City Administrator

ATTEST:



Scott Williams, Mayor