

**City of Cologne**  
**January 4, 2016**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Scott Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Jeff McInnis, Don Meyer, Kyle Evenski and Carol Szaroletta were present. City Administrator Jesse Dickson, and City Clerk Sue Mueller, were present. City Engineer Jake Saulsbury was present.

City Administrator Jesse Dickson requested an addition to Visitors – a) Fire Chief Charles Joos and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Dan Worm

**ADOPT AGENDA**

***Motion by McInnis, seconded by Meyer to approve the revised agenda. Motion passed unanimously.***

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) December 21, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) January 4, 2016 Expenditures
- c) December 22, 2015 – December 29, 2015 Payroll
- d) EideBailly Engagement Letter

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

**VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Cologne Fire Relief Association update and donation**

Chief Charles Joos and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Dan Worm updated the Council on four firefighters that have completed Firefighter I and II, hazmat operations. The fire fighters were; Scott Meuwissen, Brian Loscheider, Mitch Feltmann and Lisa Christianson.

Chief Joos reported there was one fire call, two medicals and four rescue calls in December of 2015.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Dan Worm and Chief Joos reported there is \$8,500 in year end gambling funds. The Relief Association voted to give a portion to the three townships to upgrade their street signs and address markers. The Relief Association is recommending 25%, \$2,125.00. be donated for replacing or repairing the steps at Fritz Field.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a) **Bolton & Menk, Jake Saulsbury - Benton Creek Estates**

City Engineer Jake Saulsbury reviewed findings from surveying and analysis on the drainage system in Benton Creek Estates. Saulsbury explained the ponds are functioning as originally intended with no elevation changes. The existing storm water treatment ponds both drain into the wetland swale between the homes. At one point there is a break between the wetlands caused by a rise in landscape. This rise potentially directs the water from storm pond 2 to drain southward instead of northward.

City Engineer Saulsbury presented some options:

- The area behind 1077 and 1079 Meadow Street can be regraded to provide a positive drainage flow connection between the north and south wetlands. This grading will allow the surface water coming from the south wetland area and from Storm pond #2 to flow more freely to the north wetland. The CCWMO has permitting authority for any improvements in this area and they would require maintenance permits. They agreed that this improvement would be minor and would not impact the wetland areas as outlined in blue on Figure 1. Therefore, this work could be completed at low cost and would not require wetland permitting.
- Additional improvements could be made by replacing/installing drintile. The CCWMO was less supportive of this proposed work. The CCWMO would require wetland permitting that would likely result in the need to mitigate for the impacted wetland areas. The cost of this option would be approximately \$50,000.00.
- Engineer Saulsbury reported that in order for the wetland areas to function properly they should not be maintained by traditional methods (mowing). Rather, the vegetation should be allowed to grow in order to improve the absorption and removal of surface water from the watershed. Saulsbury reported the majority of the wetland areas are being maintained s rear yards rather than natural areas.

***Council Tabled action on the Benton Creek Estates Drainage.***

**b) Bolton & Menk, Jake Saulsbury Water Treatment Pilot Study**

City Engineer Jake Saulsbury reviewed the history of the current wells and water towers the city currently operates. He also reviewed the results from the water study that was completed. Saulsbury explained the different contaminants that can be found in water and the potential health effects due to high levels.

City Engineer Saulsbury requested the city to consider the low interest rate financing currently available through the PFA loan process. He explained the deadline for submitting plans is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Council requested City Administrator Jesse Dickson research other information on payment options.

***Council Tabled action on the Water Treatment Facility Proposal, until further information is provided.***

**c) Economic Development Commission**

City Administrator Jesse Dickson recommended the Council approve organizing an Economic Development Commission. Dickson recommended having two Councilmembers, two Planning Commission members and residents that would be interested in participating. The meetings would be on an informal basis.

Councilmember Jeff McInnis was highly supportive of organizing an Economic Development Commission.

**d) Open Public Works Position**

City Administrator Jesse Dickson reported on options for the Public Works Position that currently is open. Staff requested direction on what the Council would like to see if hiring is considered:

- Hire someone as a supervisor, who has the water/wastewater licenses.
- Hire another Public Works employee with no licenses, and continue with Doug Kammerer of WK Clean Water Services
- Contract with People Services to manage the water/wastewater plant.

Public Works employee Damon Klein requested Council not wait until spring when the Public Works department is busy with opening of the parks, mowing etc.

Councilmember Jeff McInnis recommended contracting the water/wastewater plants out and possibly hire a third part-time Public Works employee.

**BOARD REPORTS**

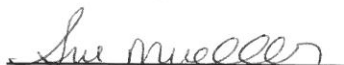
**a) Carver County Sheriff Report-December 2015**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**


**ADJOURN MEETING**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sue Mueller, City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Scott Williams, Mayor