

City of Cologne City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 7, 2017 - 7:00 PM  
Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Matt Lein called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Councilmembers Bruss, Evenski, Meyer, and Szaroletta were present. Also Present: City Administrator Jesse Dickson, Fire Chief Chuck Joos, and Fire Department member John Hendel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Sgt Chris Nelson appeared to introduce himself and new town cop Matthew Klukas. Klukas will work evenings in Cologne/Hamburg/NYA.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. July 17, 2017 Minutes
- b. August 7, 2017 Payroll
- c. August 7, 2017 Check Summary Register
- d. St. Bernard Church Gambling Permit - October 7, 2017
- e. St. Bernard Temporary Liquor License - October 7, 2017
- f. Water Treatment Facility Pay Request #10

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Fire Department Relief Association - 2017 Drive In Donation Request & Pension Fund Update

John Hendel appeared to request City support for the annual Drive-in. Mr. Hendel outlined the expenses requested. Included in the expenses are movie costs and the mini-biffs. Total cost would be just north of \$1,600. Word is currently going out to the public via facebook and flyers. Hendel recognized the

City's statutory ability to pay for these types of things in kind, rather than direct donations. Mr. Hendel stressed the importance of the event and how it brings people to the City.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO APPROVE SWANK MOTION PICTURE INVOICE FOR \$1,005 AND BIFFS INVOICE FOR \$679. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief Chuck Joos Joos appeared presented the relief association 2016 audit. Joos explained that the required contribution would be about \$22,000 and 2018's required contribution will be less than that. Chief Joos explained that his appearance is strictly for budgeting purposes but stressed the minimum amounts that are to be paid. Chief Joos explained that the earlier the City adds to the pension fund, the interest could potentially offset any future deficits.

**b. Cary & Bryan Pawela - Future Land Use**

Cary and Bryan Pawela appeared to introduce themselves. They explained that they are closing soon on the Klein Property at 401 Benton St W and will be requesting a zoning change for the property in the coming months. Bryan requested the Council members contact him directly with questions.

**c. Ron Hilgers, 1301 Naples Ave - Parking Near Fire Hydrants**

Ron Hilgers appeared to highlight an issue where vehicles are parking on the north end of the roads that run between the townhomes near CCC. Mr. Hilgers said that these are lanes for fire, plowing, and dumptrucks. Mr. Hilgers explained that the hydrants on the south end of the roads have yellow painted at the base to signify the fire lane. Mr. Hilgers requested something similar to painting be done or possibly a flag placed.

Mayor Lein explained that the roads are private property and that they are governed by the homeowner's association and as such the City wouldn't have the authority to put up signs or paint the roads. Officer Klukas explained that the police cannot tow or ticket if the vehicles are not within 10 feet of the hydrants. If the hydrants are still accessible by fire trucks the situation is more difficult to ticket or tow. Mayor Lein requested that the officers stop by intermittently on the night shifts to assess the parking situation. Sgt Nelson said that Klukas can reach out to the association president to see if there would be a desire to paint the curb or put up a sign.

d. Chuck Buckentin, 14010 Co Rd 52 NYA - Bow Hunting on City Property

Chuck Buckentin appeared. Mr. Buckentin explained that he has lived in Carver County his whole life, and after recently seeing many deer tracks by the wastewater treatment plant he thought he would request hunting on the City property. Councilmember Bruss wondered if there are issues with proximity to the highway. Mr. Buckentin requested specifically to access the field to the West of the treatment plant.

Mayor Lein expressed his concern with the legal fees and other considerations for this type of request. Councilmember Evenski referenced the city of New Ulm and a lottery program that exists within a state park there. Mayor Lein thinks that there would be minimal space for hunting within the property.

Councilmember Evenski proposed a lottery system for one or two people with the possibility of paying for a spot and potentially 10 year windows for eligibility, pending approval of DNR. Councilmember Evenski suggested reaching out to the DNR to see how this process could be considered or started. Councilmember Evenski considered that the DNR will have regulations on what can be hunted or how.

Council directed Staff to contact the DNR about the possibility of allowing bow hunting on City property. Staff was also directed to locate exactly which property is the City's for hunting purposes.

e. Employee Recognition Policy

City Administrator Dickson presented the employee recognition policy as amended by the City Attorney. Councilmember Evenski suggested that a plaque should be given out every 5 years. Councilmember Evenski also suggested that if a summer picnic were to take place that the Council members grill the food. Mayor Lein asked if this would take care of issues like purchasing cake for retirements.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION POLICY, ADDING "EVERY 5 YEARS OF SERVICE" IN THE BLANK. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

f. Budget Workshop Request - Monday August 21 5:30 PM

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO HOLD A BUDGET WORKSHOP MONDAY AUGUST 21 AT 5:30 PM. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. BOARD REPORT

- 1) New Law Affecting Proposed Ordinances

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Administrator Dickson announced that the water plant is having its floor poured and suggested walking through the building before the second September meeting. Council requested more information and to send out notice ahead of time.

Mayor Lein announced that the dog park survey will be complete and in the next council packet.

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA


10. ADJOURN

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:53 PM)**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jesse Dickson, City Administrator

Attest:

  
Matt Lein, Mayor