

City of Cologne City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
*Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 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 p.m. Councilmembers Bruss, Evenski, Meyer, Szaroletta were present. Also present: City Administrator Jesse Dickson, and Fire Chief Nick Joos.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADOPT AGENDA

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

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE
5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. February 5, 2018 Minutes
- b. February 20, 2018 Payroll
- c. February 7, 2018 - February 20, 2018 Check Summary Register
- d. Resolution 18-02 Accepting Donations
- e. Water Treatment Facility Pay App #16

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

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS
  - a. Chief Nick Joos, Cologne FD  
-Vacant Captain position recommendation

Chief Joos appeared before the City Council to recommend a candidate for the vacant Captain position. Joos reported that there were three candidates and

recommended giving the EMS Captain 3 position to Damon Klein for the remainder of the 2018 appointment.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS TO APPROVE CHIEF JOOS' RECOMMENDATION OF DAMON KLEIN FOR THE VACANT CAPTAIN 3 POSITION. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

-Update on radios grant and command vehicle

Chief Joos reported that the radios are ready and training will be able to begin within the next couple weeks. Chief Joos is going to work with City Administrator Dickson to figure out the insurance implications of adding the new equipment. The command vehicle is complete and in the Fire and Rescue Station. Chief Joos will be providing the City Council with a policy for the use of the vehicle. Neighboring cities were consulted for policy recommendations. The Command Vehicle will be available for the Council to view at the March 5th City Council meeting.

b. John Hendel & Don Smith, Benton Lake Watershed Conservancy

John Hendel and Don Smith appeared to discuss the Benton Lake cleanup. Mr. Smith reported on the awards and grants that have been received and the work that has been done through the Conservancy. Mr. Smith presented a memo with a list of recommendations for the City, County, and Conservancy to follow beginning in 2018. Recommendations included continued carp removal, introduction of predator fish, and the installation of an aerator.

Mr. Smith explained that the City would need to take ownership of the aerator and place signs in advance of the installation.

Mr. Smith petitioned the Council to support the cleaning of the lake as the lake has deteriorated over the generations. Mr. Smith reported that an aerator in a nearby community has been successful at keeping the lake healthy. Maintenance for aerators is minimal. An aerator can potentially be used year-round to avoid the maintenance of having to remove and replace the aerator intermittently.

Mr. Hendel suggested running the aerator off of the same power that the lift station on Benton Lake utilizes. Mr. Hendel said that he hopes another carp kill and the introduction of predator fish would keep the carp at bay.

Andrew Dickhart from the CCWMO reported that there were several fish seen this year that had been introduced into the lake several years ago.

Mr. Dickhart expressed the County's interest in the plan that Mr. Smith presented. Mr. Dickhart said that with the Conservancy's and the City's

partnerships, the County can continue to remove carp.

Councilmember Evenski expressed his concern that the potential placement of the aerator could end up favoring certain portions of the lake and voiced his interest in seeing the entirety of Benton Lake focused on through the process.

Mr. Dickhart reported that introducing fish would cost around \$1 per fish, and that an aerator will most likely cost several thousand dollars.

Mr. Hendel suggested introducing fish as soon as the ice is out.

c. Capital Improvement Plan

Chief Joos reported that he had reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan and considered it to be complete and in line with the plan that the Fire Department presented in 2017.

Chief Joos explained the process that the FD is currently going through to be able to prepare bid documents for a new tanker for the City Council to review.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d. Cologne Finance Policies

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA TO ADOPT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN POLICY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER EVENSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO ADOPT THE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS TO ADOPT THE INVESTMENT POLICY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS TO ADOPT THE RESERVE POLICY. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

e. Exmark Trade-in Program

City Administrator Dickson presented a memo regarding the exmark trade-in program. This would add another exmark and continue the trade-in program going forward. This is the same program that the City of Cologne has been utilizing for several years.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO APPROVE THE UFC EXMARK TRADE-IN QUOTE. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

f. CCC Chairs

City Administrator Dickson presented a memo requesting the purchase of 38 additional chairs for the CCC. The additional chairs would make it possible for the Community Center to host large events without needing to bring additional chairs from the Fire and Rescue Station.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS TO APPROVE THE KI QUOTE FOR \$3,141.16. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

g. Summer Help 2018

-Position Description

-Job Announcement

-Resolution 18-03 Approving Advertisement

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MEYER TO APPROVE THE POSITION DESCRIPTION, ANNOUNCEMENT, AND RESOLUTION 18-03. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

h. M&M Home Contractors Letter of Intent (TBP)

City Administrator Dickson informed the City Council on the process of entering into a letter of intent with M&M Home Contractors for the sale of the City shed and parcel by Fritz Field. Within the letter were terms set forth by M&M requesting the City provide funding for public utilities that would require

upgrading. M&M is also requesting to receive TIF assistance through the redevelopment of the project. City Administrator Dickson reported that, if the City provided the utilities, those expended dollars could be recouped through the potential TIF district that is being requested.

The City Council directed Staff to continue pursuing the letter of intent, pursuant to changing certain languages, specifically adding that the City would participate in such a deal with around 5-7 years for payback assuming TIF is approved.

7. BOARD REPORT

a. January Sheriff's Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Cologne Received Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation Award

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

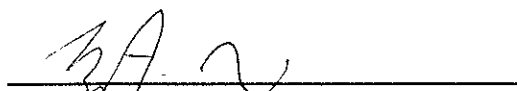
10. ADJOURN

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUSS. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SZAROLETTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jesse Dickson, City Administrator

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Lein, Mayor