

**City of Cologne
February 6, 2012**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regularly scheduled council meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Cologne Community Center. Mayor Bernie Shambour called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Matt Lein, Don Meyer, Scott Williams and Jill Skaaland were present. City Administrator John Douville was present.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Lein, seconded by Skaaland to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a) January 17th, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) February 6th, 2012 Expenditures
- c) January 18th – February 3rd, 2012 Hand Checks, Payroll
- d) Equipment Sharing Agreement – Carver County/Cities

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

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

a) DNR Grant – Fishing Dock on Benton Lake

Dick Hegener, Don Smith, Jacob and Mark Steinbauer of the Benton Lake Watershed Conservancy and Mark Nemeth of the Minnesota DNR gave a presentation on the DNR FIN program to build fishing piers. A 58' pier was proposed at a cost of \$7,500. A DNR FIN grant is available for \$2,500. City Administrator John Douville estimated the total cost for the City of Cologne would be \$15,200, which would include the \$7,500 for materials, \$1,500 for a handicapped parking space, \$3,000 for removal of exotic species, replacing them with native plant and \$3,200 for a handicapped ramp. It was estimated it would take 170 hours to build the dock. Benton Lake Watershed requested the use of a city building for construction purposes. Staff will get more proposals so that the BLWC and City have a clear understanding of who is leading the project and the duties involved. Council will discuss the project further and evaluate the costs more closely before making a decision.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a) WENR Advisory Committee – Representative Openings

Carver County's Water, Natural Resource and Environment (WENR) Advisory Committee is seeking a person to serve on this committee. No action was taken for the Representative Opening.

b) Water System Improvements – Well #1, CASH 36, Water Main Loop

City Administrator John Douville reported funding is available through the State of Minnesota at a very low interest rate around 2.1percent. Three projects may qualify would be well repairs, replacing the water main along County Road 36 and completing a water main loop, that would help the city make better use of its new water tower. The total cost of the three projects is estimated at \$350,000. John Douville recommended the city apply for funding and if eligible make a decision at that time to proceed.

c) 413 Paul Ave S. – Waive 4' of utility easement

City Administrator John Douville reviewed a request from M & M Home Contractors, Mike Fasching, Mike Fritz and Jen Storms to waive the 4' of utility easement at 413 Paul Ave S. M & M Home Contractors are considering purchasing the former Cologne Meat Market for office and storage space.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Lein to approve the Waiver of a 4' Utility Easement. Motion passed unanimously.

d) February 20th Presidents Day – Council moved to Tuesday, February 21st.

A discussion regarding changing the Monday, February 20th Council meeting to Tuesday, February 21st was held due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Skaaland to approve the change of the February 20th Council meeting to February 21st. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

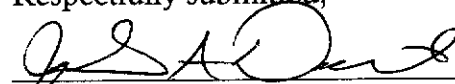
a) Engineers report

City Engineers project update report was reviewed.

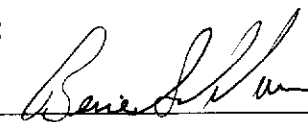
ADJOURN MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,


John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

ATTEST:


Bernie Shambour, Mayor