



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1, 2024 7:00 PM

Cologne Community Center, 1211 Village Parkway

Vision Statement

The City of Cologne is a vibrant small town that respects its heritage, embraces its future and offers a high quality of life for all who live, work and visit our community.

Mayor: Matt Lein

Councilmember: Sarah Bruss

Councilmember: Nathan Kells

Councilmember: Maria Samuelson

Councilmember: Carol Szaroletta

NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF DISCUSSION. TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 PM.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Lein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmembers Kells, and Szaroletta were present. Also present was City Administrator Michelle Morrison. Councilmember Bruss and Samuelson were absent.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adopt the agenda, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

4. VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Ostolaza from Comcast explained the customer experience philosophy and their commitment to repair any damage done in the installation of their services.

5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below are considered routine and non-controversial by the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Councilmember, Staff or Citizen. If removed, the item will be discussed at the end of the regular agenda.

- a. June 17, 2024 City Council Minutes**
- b. Accounts Payable from June 18, 2024**
- c. July 2nd, 2024 Payroll Summary**
- d. Resolution 24-22 Accepting Donations**
- e. Approve Gambling License for St Bernards Raffle October 4, 2024**

After discussion, Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

6. NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Cologne Fire and Rescue New Hires

Assistant Fire Chief Brian Loscheider informed the Council that currently there are 7 firefighters with over 20 years' experience, 2 with over 30 years' experience and 1 with over 40 years' experience and could retire. Training a new firefighter takes 2 years. 3 applications were received to join the Cologne Fire Department and all three have completed testing and interviewing. Assistant Chief Loscheider recommends the probationary hiring of Justin Fabel, Cory Hermann and Andrew Martinek. Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to accept Assistant Chief Loscheider's recommendation for the probationary hiring, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

b. Benton Lake Outlet Restoration Memorandum of Understanding

Engineer Jake Saulsbury of Bolton and Menk reviewed steps taken to date to address the proposed scope of work to restore erosion at the Benton Lake Outlet. After discussion Councilmember Kells made a motion to approve the Benton Lake Outlet Restoration Memorandum of Understanding, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Kells made a motion authorizing moving forward with filing of the required easement, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Kells made a motion to prepare final bid documents, second by Councilmember Szaroletta. Motion carried 3-0.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Administrator Update**
- b. Council / Mayor Reports**
 - i. Mayor Lein**

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Szaroletta to adjourn at 7:30 PM, second by Councilmember Kells. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Michelle Morrison

City Administrator



Matt Lein

Mayor