

CITY COUNCIL MEETING-APRIL 5, 2021-7:00 P.M.-CITY BUILDING. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER. PRESENT: MAYOR CRAIN AND COUCLMEMBERS: TANNER, SMITH, SARE, HEGG, SALTS AND CITY ATTORNEY POWELL. THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1ST MEETING AND THE MARCH 15TH BOARD OF WORKS MEETING WERE APPROVED.

RYAN SOWERS, REPRESENTING THE COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, WAS PRESENT TO REQUEST PERMANENTLY CLOSING 5TH STREET FROM MARKET STREET TO COMMERCIAL STREET. THE SCHOOL HAS A PLAN TO MAKE THE AREA SAFE TO USE FOR THE STUDENTS. THEY ARE APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO FUND THIS PROJECT. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THIS REQUEST AND HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THE CITY UTILITIES ARE LOCATED IN THE AREA AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS SOME CONCERNS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO FIGHT A FIRE IF NECESSARY. THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, ALLISON KARFALT, TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT.

JUSTIN SHAW, WITH GIRLS' SOFTBALL, WAS PRESENT TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO HAVE A FUNDRAISER IN THE PARK ON JUNE 12TH FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 2:00 A.M. THEY WANT TO DO A TAKE ON THE HAUNTED TRAILZ, CALLED SUMMER CAMP. THEY WILL STILL HAVE THE HAUNTED TRAILZ IN OCTOBER. THE COUNCIL GAVE THEIR APPROVAL FOR THIS REQUEST.

JULI ROOT, WITH THE COVINGTON BUSINESS ASSOC., WAS PRESENT TO ASK PERMISSION TO HAVE THE STREET FAIR ON JUNE 4TH FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. THEY WILL CLOSE 4TH STREET FROM WASHINGTON TO LIBERTY STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET FROM 3RD TO 4TH STREET. THERE WILL BE A BAND IN FRONT OF THE NORTHSIDE PUB FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A. M. THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL WILL NOT SCHEDULE ANY GAMES FOR THAT NIGHT. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO HAVING THE STREET FAIR.

AMANDA STRAWSER PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH PLANS FOR A SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT FOR THE CITY PARK. IN A SURVEY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, SAND VOLLEYBALL WAS THE MAIN THING THEY WANTED. STRAWSER PRESENTED A QUOTE FOR \$17473.00 TO DO THIS PROJECT. SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL IF SHE COULD APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE COVINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT AND LIGHTING THE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. MAYOR CRAIN SAID THE BASKETBALL COURTS WILL BE REDONE IN CONCRETE. THEY WILL TEAR OUT THE BASKETBALL COURTS AND DIG FOR THE NEW ONES AND THE SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT AT THE SAME TIME. THE CITY HAS A DONATION FOR \$20,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS.

SUPT. MYERS SAID THEY HAVE A NEW CHEMICAL CONTROLLER FOR THE POOL. MAY 13TH THE CITY OF COVINGTON WILL BE HOSTING A TRAINING SESSION FOR THE ALLIANCE OF INDIANA RURAL WATER AT THE COVINGTON FIRE STATION. MYERS SAID THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE CHECK ON THE CONTROLS AT THE WATER WELLS. MYERS WILL GET SOME QUOTES FOR THAT REPAIR.

FIRE CHIEF, GARTH KAGELS, REPORTED THAT THE MAIN FIRE ENGINE HAS BEEN REPAIRED BY MCQUEEN FIRE EQUIPMENT IN WHITESTOWN, INDIANA AND IT IS WORKING FINE NOW.

ASST. POLICE CHIEF, CHUCK PIPPIN, REPORTED THAT 53 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED THEIR GOLF CARTS WITH CITY. THEY ARE ALL GIVEN A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE TO SHOW THEM THE RULES. OFFICER KYLE CATES WILL BE GOING TO THE POLICE ACADEMY FOR TRAINING SOON.

COUNCILMAN HEGG HAD A QUESTION ABOUT A TREE AT 614 JEFFERSON STREET THAT IS BETWEEN THE STREET AND THE SIDEWALK. THE OWNERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TAKEN DOWN. HEGG WILL CHECK WITH ELECTRIC SUPT. KARUSHIS.

COUNCILMAN SARE ASKED IF WE ARE GOING TO SANDBLAST THE POOL. HE WAS TOLD WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO SINCE IT WAS NOT OPEN IN 2020. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE STREET BY THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING IN THE PARK, ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PLAYGROUND. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT.

COUNCILMAN TANNER CHECKED ON THE BUILDING THAT WAS BUILT BY JERRY RICE ON FERN CLINE'S PROPERTY AND ALL OF THIS IS ON THE CITY EASEMENT. TANNER ALSO SAID WHEN HE WAS THE STREET SUPT. THAT HE HAD TO TURN IN A REPORT AS TO WHAT WORK THEY HAD DONE EVERY WEEK. HE ASKED WHY THEY DON'T DO THAT ANYMORE? SUPT. SMITH ASKED IF THE CITY HAS AN EASEMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE POWELL BUILDING CENTER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUPPLIES SETTING ON THE AREA. TANNER SAID HE WILL CHECK ON THIS MATTER.

MEETING ADJOURNED.



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER. PRESENT: MAYOR CRAIN AND COUNCILMEMBERS: SMITH AND TANNER. SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CLAIMS AND CRAIN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0. THE BOARD HAD 2 WASTEWATER ADJUSTMENTS REQUESTS. ONE FROM WILLIAM RUDY AT 832 LIBERTY STREET HE HAD A WATER LINE BREAK IN HIS YARD AND FROM MARY ELAINE DENHART AT 1100 PEARL STREET LOT 8. A LINE BROKE UNDER THE TRAILER. CRAIN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW BOTH WASTEWATER ADJUSTMENTS AND TANNER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0. CRAIN MADE A MOTION TO CHARGE THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES \$300.00 FOR THE SEASON FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER AND SOCCER \$50.00 FOR WATER FOR THEIR SEASON. THE BOARD HIRED TYLER SCOTT AS THE POOL MANAGER, WITH A SALARY OF \$4800.00 FOR THE SEASON. HE WILL HIRE THE ASST. POOL MANAGER AT \$8.75 PER HOUR AND LIFEGUARDS AT \$8.00 PER HOUR. THE BOARD HIRED LARRY SAMLASKA TO WORK PART TIME FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AT \$11.95 PER HOUR. SMITH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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