Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

June 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Salts, Martin, Sare, Smith, Tanner and Attorney Powell

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes from the May 16, 2022 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 22-4 For a Four Way Stop sign at Railroad and 5th Street. Justin Martin made the motion to approve Josh Salts 2nd, the ordinance will be voted on at the June 20, 22 meeting. Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 22-5 for reduction of electric rates due to the Utility Receipt tax change. Councilmember Tanner made motion to suspend the rules on voting on first presentation Salts 2nd, Councilmember Tanner made the motion to pass ordinance 22-5 and Councilmember Smith 2nd, motion carried 5-0. Ordinance 22-6 was presented reducing the water rates due to the Utility Receipt tax change Councilmember Sare made motion and Martin 2nd to suspend the rule on voting on first presentation Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Tanner made motion to pass 22-6 Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain and Attorney Powell attended the mediation on Grovier properties and came to a Mediation agreement with Mr. Grovier , the paper work will be attached to the minutes and a file is in the City Building. Mr. Grovier will have until October 1, 2022 to bring the outside of the house to be able to pass an inspection of the Cities choice and electric inspection making the house into a single unit home with 1 electric service.

Henry Schmitt and Jerry Pope were present for the July 4th Committee June 28-July4 Bracelet nights will be the same price as last year and they will sell Mega Bracelets that will be good for 6 nights. He said Endless Summer will be back again this year and has a lot of new entertainment. Program booklets will be available starting next week, Councilmember Martin will post all the activities for the festival on the City Website. Mayor Crain will let Superintendent Smith know to clean out the sewers in the park to the bathrooms so we won't have any issues.

Dale White was present from the Community Foundation about the Railroad bridge conversion to a pedestrian bridge, the Foundation is wanting to expand the trail behind the old jail onto the bridge. Dale is asking that the Council grant Attorney Powell permission to pursue the process of getting the owners of the property to sign it over to the City of Covington.

Councilmember Tanner made the motion to allow Attorney Powell to proceed Councilmember Martin 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Greg Myers contacted Triad and they have made a couple changes and will get back with us with cost changes. He reported the pool is up and running but said the plumbing in the pool is getting very old and really needs to be looked into, because the pool has a few leaks.

Mayor Crain Thanked Clint and the Electric department for getting everything ready in the Centre Park for the Festival and hanging the flags in the downtown area.

Bart Crowder reported the engine is back and working. Fire classes are still going on and have 25 students from 6 departments. Mayor Crain Thanked the Fire Department for putting the tents up for the festival.

Officer Alexander asked about an ordinance stating what time the City Park Closes we do have and it is 11:00 p.m. The Police are getting calls on young kids hanging at the Park after hours as of now the Police are taking the kids home to the parents. Police Chief Sowers was present to turn in his resignation from the Police Department effective August 1, 2022 after 42 years of service. The Mayor and Council Thanked Keddy for a job well done.

Councilmember Tanner asked about the meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. he said he has had a few questions because they are unbale to attend that early. Mayor Crain told Councilmember Tanner to tell them to attend the 1st meeting of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Smith asked if the City has collected on the Golf Cart ticket that was issued, Officer Pippin said the one ticket that was issued has been paid. Officer Pippin did say the Police Department will start writing more golf cart tickets since it's been over a year since golf cart owners have known what rules they have to follow, he also stated that golf cart owners need to remember your golf cart has to be registered every year.

Councilmember Sare Thanked all the departments for the great work they do and responding to everything so quickly.

Councilmember Salts Thanked the Mayor and all employees for a great Street Festival. Everyone had a great time and there were no issues.

Meeting adjourned.

Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Smith and Tanner

Councilmember Smith made the motion to pay all claims and Councilmember Tanner 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

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Redevelopment Commission Meeting
Covington City Building
June 6, 2022

Vice President Josh Salts called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Sare made the motion to elect Josh Salts as President of Redevelopment Commission Councilmember Martin 2nd motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Salts made motion to elect Bob Tanner as Vice President Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Tanner made motion to elect Joe Sare as Secretary Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 4-0,

Meeting Adjourned:

Josh Salts
President

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer