

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932

July 18, 2022

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

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
Minutes from the July 5, 2022 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Jeff Clark was present from Rivercrest Golf Course asking about getting the new addition annexed into the City limits. Mayor Crain told him to hire an attorney and get the process started.

Carol Owens was present to ask about the parking lines around the city square and when they will be painted? She stated they are very hard to see and need to be taken care of. Mayor Crain stated he will look into it.

Marty Accord was present to ask about the inspector that the City will have do the inspection on Fancy Street on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August per court mandate order. Mayor Crain told Marty that it will be a certified inspector who will do the inspection.

Chuck Pippin was present to announce the Police Department will be having a party for Kedric Sowers Retirement on August 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Department.

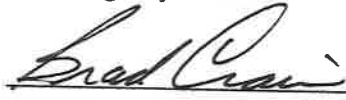
Councilmember Tanner asked about sidewalks again, he thinks we should replace sidewalks on the streets that the home owners will not fix. He asked about the Community Crossings, blacktop situation, Mayor Crain said it will be resubmitted to INDOT with the corrections First Group didn't categorize the bid correctly. He questioned about the Stop signs being installed at 5<sup>th</sup> and Railroad the City is just waiting on the locates to be done.

Councilmember Smith asked about the vandalized bathroom at the City Park, it has all been repaired and the bill will be submitted so the accused can pay for the damages.

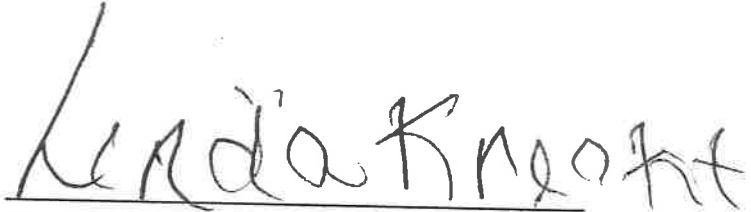
Councilmember Salts questioned Mayor Crain about the hiring of Tyler Nolan as Interim Superintendent after he was told we wouldn't fill the position immediately. Mayor Crain said he offered Roger Walters and Joe Conner the interim position and they turned it down. Councilmember Salts believes we need to be actively seeking someone that is qualified for this position to take over. He handed the councilmembers a letter from Rick Smith about his

termination on June 20, 2022 and his questioning of his termination. He questioned a bill that Mayor Crain had sent through the City of Covington and questioned why he had it sent to The City of Covington, Mayor Crain said he didn't have an account with them and he has paid the bills himself. Josh Salts believes that Rick Smith was fired over this bill and the questions behind it, Josh feels that Rick was never given a reason for his firing it was all handled incorrectly. Councilmember Salts questioned Mayor Crain on June 20, 2022 about Rick Smith being terminated and Mayor Crain said everything was done in the manner it needed to be and that Indiana is a At Will State. A copy of the letter that Rick Smith was given when he was terminated is in his file in the office along with the letter that Josh Salts gave the council on behalf of Rick Smith at July 18, 2022, both will also become a permanent attachment to the minutes.

Meeting Adjourned:



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain Councilmember Tanner and Smith

Councilmember Tanner made the motion to approve all claims and Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer