

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

August 15, 2022

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

In attendance from the public: Paula Copenhaver, Lesley Chilcote, Marty Accord, Butch Scott, Brian and Polly Chumley, Carol Owens, Keith Asbury, Brad Keller, Leah Keele, Amanda Strawser, Hanna Clingan, Alan Mears, Jerry and Mary Martin, Tanner Nolan.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes from the August 1, 2022 Council and Board of Works meeting were approved, with the following additions by Councilmember Salts stating that Councilmember Sare stated the meeting we had was unprofessional and left Rick Smith hanging because they proved nothing on his termination was right. Everything about the meeting was wrong. He also said who does this guy think he is. It's disrespectful we don't have this stuff before people come in, so the public doesn't know about things like this.

Councilmember Salts asked Councilmember Sare if he is threatening him and Councilmember Sare asked Mayor Crain to go ahead with the meeting. Mayor Crain asked Brad Keller to get a quote on audio and video equipment for the Council room after Councilmember Salts stated we paid 845,000 for the new City Building we should be able to install audio and video equipment in the council room to record meetings. Mayor Crain also stated the City Building did not cost 845,000.

Superintendent Karushis asked about purchasing a new truck for the Electric department, if we order it now it won't be available for 2 years. He also stated we need to start thinking about a utility rate hike. IMPA was here and did an inspection and there are several things we need to look into and get updated. He suggests the Council and himself get together and see what the best solution would be. Clint will give his report at the next meeting as to what he thinks are the most important things to start on. Clint has a few quotes on new trucks he wants to order the Terez because the guys are familiar with this, Councilmember Salts made motion to have Clint purchase a digger truck for 281,012 Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Myers stated IDEM wrote us up on 6 minor deficiencies that we need to address: old well #1 abandoned Superintendent Myers has called Ortman's to get it scheduled. Backflow prevention device need installed and tested at required locations-putting together a

list of those locations. Outside water tower need to be painted in next 3 years, Mayor Crain told him to get a price from Pittsburg for exterior water tower painting. He also stated the Elementary school is using the pool for the next few weeks for PE classes.

Superintendent Nolan said the 136 project is now complete, he also told the council we will be flushing hydrants on September 14, 2022 Councilmember Martin will put this on the website and Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will put it on the utility bills for September

Fire Chief Kagels brought in a report about why they need a new fire truck and the rules that govern the Fire department on how long they can use trucks and equipment. Pricing is only guaranteed for 30 days. The price he got Toyne Pumper w/Hale OMax 1500 gpm pump, 1200 gallon tank built on Spartan FC-94 cab built by Donely Safety, Inc. Price \$547,255.04 we will probably try and trade in engine 50. Mayor Crain asked Fire Chief Kagels to call and find out about the trade in, he said the price was good until August 28, 2022. Fire Chief Kagels will get ahold of Brad as soon as he talks to them and feels he can have an answer by the end of this week.

Lesley Chilcote was present and asked Fire Chief Kagels if she called 911 would they be able to find 115 8th Street because the street is not marked, she is also requesting a Slow Children Sign in her neighborhood. She is also asking about a man in her neighborhood in a red car saying he is checking for moisture around meters, this is not the City or Center Point Energy she needs to contact 911 if she sees them again.

Brian and Polly Chumley asked at the last meeting about getting a manhole and 2 4inch water valves from what he paid for the 1st phase of his development and he has not received. Mayor Crain said the City will get them ordered.

Amanda Strawser handed out a flyer about the Native planting that has now been torn out at the City Park. Mayor Crain said he has had a lot of complaints on the bees and mess that is looks like since it isn't maintained. She is requesting \$2,000.00 to replace all the native plants that have been destroyed. She is also requesting that we hire a part time person to weed this area from now on to keep in weeded. We need to have FIBAR delivered in April since the grade of FIBAR is non-compliant for safety. Amanda also wanted explanation why the volleyball court was moved and not putting it where it was originally laid out to go. Mayor Crain said the electrical service goes through where the middle of the court would have been and that is the service for the whole end of the City Park. Amanda is not happy about where the Volleyball court is going to be located, she feels maybe we should move the electrical lines.

Councilmember Salts asked if we have to re submit the grant for the volleyball court since it has been moved. Mayor Crain said Dale White is aware of it and it shouldn't be a problem.

Councilmember Tanner doesn't feel that putting the volleyball court over the electric lines will matter. Keith Asbury asked Mayor Crain why we haven't started on the volleyball courts before

now and why the Park board wasn't notified about the change of the area where the volleyball court was going to be. Mayor Crain told Amanda the volleyball court will be moved back to the original spot it was originally supposed to be.

Leah Keele was present to suggest a guard rail on southside of trail before 11th street bridge be put up it is washed out and a sink hole has developed on the South trail and needs to be fixed. Superintendent Nolan knows where all these issues are and will get them taken care of next week.

Alan Mears was present requesting black top at the end of 5th Street off Union Street. Mayor Crain said we will check it out and see what can be done.

Councilmember Tanner asked about quotes we are getting for the Sewer Plant, Mayor Crain said we have received an extension. Councilmember Tanner asked about the bidding process on the Waste Water Plant Mayor Crain said the company we hired will be in charge of all of the bidding process. Councilmember Tanner asked about the City limit for the black topping on 13th to North City limits which will be Bob Hays home.

Councilmember Smith handed out a flyer about the City elections she is requesting we go to even years election and also change council from 4 district and 1 at large to 2 district and 3 at large. Stagger terms between 2 even General Election years.

Councilmember Salts said he was asked about the disk golf being interrupted by the volleyball court where it was going to be but now if won't matter since the volleyball court is going back in original space.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Smith and Tanner

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

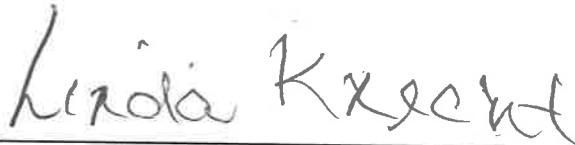
Councilmember Smith made the motions to approve Waste Water Adjustments for Greg Myers and Kathryn Swaney Councilmember Tanner 2nd motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Tanner made the motion to pay Superintendent Nolan the Assistant Superintendent salary beginning July 5, 2022 and Aiden Tanner and Mitchell Roarks to Class B employees effective August 15, 2022. Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



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August 23, 2022

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

Mayor Crain called the Special council meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

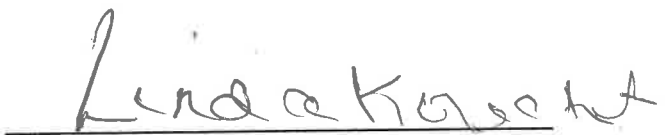
Mayor Crain said we have 2 orders of business this afternoon 1 is to purchase the new Fire Truck for \$547,255.04 we are not going to get a trade in but have found someone who has offered us \$5,000.00 for it. Mayor Crain said we should pay half which would be \$276,363.80 and that includes the performance bond, Mayor Crain said we have the money available in public safety. Councilmember Tanner made the motion and Martin 2nd motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Crain suggested we hire Seth Persinger as our new Police Officer, he has been a reserve for a few months now and the department feels he is a good candidate. Councilmember Sare made the motion to hire Seth Persinger Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 3-0. Seth will be hired effective August 29, 2022 as a 2nd Class Patrolman.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer