

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

October 3, 2022

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

In attendance from the public: Marty Acord, Butch Scott, Hope Scott, Margo Lewis, Rodney Grovier, Carol Owens, Laura Grovier, Carol Freese, Keith Asbury, Jon Schrock, Brian and Polly Chumley, Jennifer Alexander, Nancy Wallace, Julie Root, Jerry and Mary Martin, Greg Clingan.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes from the September 19, 2022 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Margo Lewis Thanked the Mayor, Council, and Street Department for the stop sign on 7th.

Rodney and Laura Grovier were present to explain their side of the story on the property on Fancy Street. They would like the Mayor and council to know how important living in Covington is to them as they raised their family in Covington. Laura stated that they were citizens of Florida when they received their 1st letter on this property and were tied up with family matters and could not come and fix all the problems associated with this property. Butch Scott stated that the house was condemned in 2013 by the Fountain Warren Health department and Laura Grovier stated that she would like a copy of the condemnation letter on the property as she said they never received a copy. Laura and Rodney feel the mediation agreement is set up for failure because they can't get all the things fixed in this short amount of time. Mayor Crain told Mr. and Mrs. Grovier they need to set up an appointment with the City Attorney to continue with this conversation on the Fancy Street property.

Carol Freese was present to talk about the 15 Locust trees around the City square that were planted by the DNR. She walked around town and checked all grates around the trees and she said about ½ of the grates are being pushed up by the roots. She suggests all the grates be pulled up and cut Superintendent Nolan feels we should remove the grates and put in mulch or rock. Mayor Crain and Superintendent Nolan will check all this out and figure out the best solution. Carol Freese also stated that we haven't taken very good care of the trees since they were planted, she also asked about help with the watering of the trees everything is very dry right now and need watered weekly.

Julie Root was present to ask permission to use the City Park to bring back Christmas in the Park November 25-December 30 2022 hosted by the CBA. The Mayor and Council are all in agreement and the Police Department will need to patrol the Park though out the display.

Superintendent Myers said we had the IDEM inspection at the Sewer Plant today and everything went well. Mayor Crain gave out the purchase orders today for the new equipment

needed for Waste Water Treatment update at a cost of \$663,000.

Councilmember Salts brought up again about audio and visual equipment for the council room. Mayor Crain said we have received to quotes from Brad Keller and BIS Digital. Councilmember Tanner made the motion to let Brad Keller install audio and visual equipment Councilmember Sare 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Tanner asked about quotes on the intersections that were talked about at the last meeting, Mayor Crain said Bi-State will be here Wednesday to look at the intersections that need blacktop. Councilmember Tanner asked again about the sidewalks on 3rd, 4th, 5th towards Park Avenue. Mayor Crain will get a quote from Doug Sutherlin and Santiago to do the work. Councilmember Tanner asked permission to purchase a plow for the Street Department Councilmember Tanner made the motion to purchase the 8' Pro Plus Plow from Rahn Equipment Co. for 6,756.00 Councilmember Martin 2nd motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



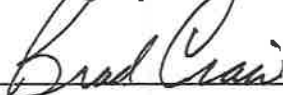
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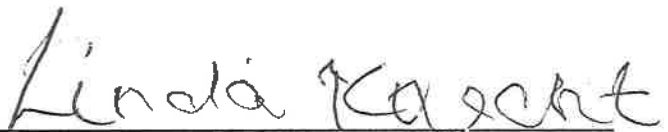
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Tanner

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



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