

March 20, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Marty Acord, Jr., Butch Scott, Mark Lloyd, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Butch Strawser, Holly Conner, Joe Conner, Josh Rainey, Wayne Walker, Juli Root, Duane Lathrop, Paige Galloway, Audrey Galloway, Stacy Galloway, Ken Baker, Becki Baker, Polly Chumley, Brian Chumley, Shannah Costa, Chet Powell, Jeff Miller, Noah Townsend, Hope Scott, Kathy Easter, Katie Easter, Karen Gee, Wanda Miller, Elise Bird, Allyson Burchett, Brent Walters, Tammie Walters, Scott Powell, Tom McGurk Jr., Terry Badger II, Tony Badger, Leah Keele

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the February 6, 2023 Council meeting and board of works, Special council meeting (Police Salaries only) February 21, 2023 and March 8, 2023 board of works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Audrey Galloway Covington Applefest queen who was present to request an Easter egg hunt in the City Park April 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. the council granted permission.

A moment of silence was held for Terry Badger III who passed away March 6, 2023 Mayor Crain stated this is a tragic loss for our community.

Superintendent Myers said Ortman was present to inspect the wells we are down 1 well at the present time but it will be repaired soon.

Mayor Crain presented an estimate from Findlay Brothers Well Drilling for a test well where Fountain County Dental clinic is located on Pearl Street at a cost of \$4,500.00 they will test for quantity and quality of water we need to do this to have a backup for the wells across the river. Councilmember Sare made the motion to go ahead with this Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 4-0.

Brent Walters was present from 1204 Washington Street about the drainage on his property when we get a lot of rain, he stated they couldn't use the restroom in their house because of backup. Brent is wanting to put a concrete driveway and wants this issue resolved before he

starts this project. Superintendent Nolan will look into the situation and try and figure out a solution, Mayor Crain thought we may need to put a manhole with a pump in it.

Shannah Costa stated she would like to have a tree replanted where her tree went down at 816 4th Street on March 3, 23 during the storm planted in honor of Terry Badger III with a plaque, The Badgers were present and would like the trees in his honor planted at the park. Mayor Crain will get ahold of the tree committee to get a new tree planted in this location to replace the one that was destroyed by the storm.

Josh Rainey wanted to know how the City goes about maintaining sidewalks and does the city maintain alleys. Mayor Crain told him that the City will tear out the sidewalks and the property owner must replace at their expense, Mayor Crain told anyone with an alley issue to call the City and request their alley be grated if needed.

Butch Scott asked about the trash can policy that was posted on the city website, Clerk-Treasurer Knecht stated it was to let the residents that leave their trash cans at the road all week know that the City has an ordinance against this. He also asked about an abandoned truck on the southeast corner of 10th and Harrison that is piled with trash in the back of it. Officer Brewer stated the Police Department is aware of it and will see what can be done. All City Ordinances can be found on the city website covingtonin.net

Noah Townsend was present for the Covington Little League drafts will be held April 3rd and practices will start shortly after there are around 200 kids signed up at the current time. The season will be dedicated to TB3 with his picture being displayed throughout the season.

Councilmember Martin questioned the property at 1322 4th Street and said they have cleaned it up some but now there are 2 trucks in the back yard full of junk. Mayor Crain and Council will have Attorney Powell resend letters to them.

Councilmember Sare asked about stage at the City Park, Mayor Crain said we will probably have to rent a stage for this year as the new stage will not be ready in time. The new bathrooms for baseball and softball are coming along well.

Councilmember Tanner asked the other members of the Council if they were aware that City employees were using City equipment on City time on personal property. Duane Lathrop lives on 4th Street and wanted to let the council know that the driveway Councilmember Tanner was talking about belongs to Fred Auter and his wife just passed away recently and he felt it was a great thing for the City to help a member of the community, Councilmember Tanner stated that was not the issue he was talking about. Councilmember Tanner asked about a water and sewer line that was ran to a house on Commercial Street and asked why the city was running it on

personal property Mayor Crain stated the City did not run it Scott and Chet Powell did the work and had a statement to prove it, along with the gravel work on the driveway.

Brian Chumley asked about the ~~REDI~~ grant monies and the rest of the items he has to have done before March 31, 2023, Brian handed each Councilmember what he has to submit to the committee for this grant money. Mayor Crain suggested Brian talk to ~~Chris~~ ^{KRIS} from Greater Lafayette Commerce for her opinion. Scott Powell explained that the engineering is not part of the ~~REDI~~ grant but Shiloh has submitted all the paper work they need to so far to ~~Chris~~ ^{KRIS}. Brian will still develop the original 19 lots, he just needs help getting the paper work filled out for approval through the ~~REDI~~ ^{READI} grant, he is lacking the engineering for his lots.

Wayne Walker from 801 Pearl Street was present about the letter he received from Attorney Powell for the dog issue, he was wondering if there had been any complaints since the last meeting and there haven't been any complaints Mayor Crain said he won't have to pay the \$1,000 fine.

Wanda Miller asked about the status of Rivercrest being annexed into the city limits. Mayor Crain said Attorney Powell will get it started again once he gets back into town.

Brian Chumley asked about an 8" sewer line being brought across 136 this would have to feed Brians other lots, the question was brought up last month about an easement and there is an easement that was on the paperwork for Noah Reissmann when he paid to have the sewer ran to his property at 2462 W Hwy 136, Brian would like the sewer brought up to his property line and a manhole installed. Mayor Crain said the sewer will be brought to his property. once an easement for that has been obtained.

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda K Kuchta
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Martin, Councilmember Sare

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

Meeting adjourned
Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda K Kuchta
Clerk-Treasurer