

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

April 17, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Carol Owens, Duane Lathrop, Nancy Wallace, Mariea Crain, Margo Lewis, Keith Asbury, Jon Schrock, Polly Chumley, Brian Chumley, Jason Beck, Paula Copenhaver, Tony Hicks, Pam Hicks, Scott Powell

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
Minutes from the April 3, 2023 Council meeting and board of works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2023-2 adding a position for Superintendent of Utilities along with adding a new salary amount replacing 2023-1. Councilmember Tanner asked about increasing an MVH employee for having his CDL and spraying license Mayor Crain said we could look into this in June. Councilmember Salts asked if there is still enough money available to employ an electric superintendent and Mayor Crain said we do, the City will advertise for an Electric Superintendent position this week with a deadline of May 19, 2023, the job will be listed on Indeed, the city website covingtonin.net and IMEA. Councilmember Tanner made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-2 Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain announced the city will be hiring Ashlynn Livengood and Karsyn Engle as pool managers for the 2023 season. The city is taking applications for certified lifeguards at this time.

Councilmember Salts asked about the outage over the hill on 3rd street trying to hook up new test well, he had heard the electric was phase to phase outage which causes accidents. Mayor Crain said the fuse blew 2 times and the motor was grounded. Councilmember Salts stated there is help out there if they have problems.

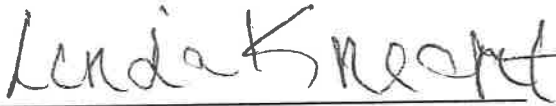
Councilmember Tanner asked about the new test well? Mayor Crain said right now it is 35 feet deep and is pumping well, they are going to drill deeper, the city has moved the test well to the railroad grade over the hill on 3rd Street located on City property. Councilmember Tanner brought up that Butch Strawser has a drain on 9 1/2 street and Commercial St. that is plugged causing his yard to flood, Superintendent Nolan will check it out in the morning and try to get it to drain. Councilmember Tanner also brought up about the grates being removed around the trees downtown, he suggested we get moving on this since we have talked about it at several

meetings and it is a hazard. Councilmember Tanner also said Brian Chumley will have his surveying done on Whispering Willows before the deadline for the REDI grant, he also showed a letter that Rick Smith had signed off on for finishing the work for Chumley at Whispering Willow when he started with this subdivision a few years ago and says the city is obligated to bring the service to the new owners property but not install on the property, the developer needs to connect to what the City provides. Clarification for the REDI grant if the city owns their electric and maintains their streets than streets and electric can be included in the REDI grant. The IEDC will have the final approval and then the council will decide what to pay. It's a waiting game to see which project gets the approval.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Sare, Martin

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

Mayor Crain made the motion to hire KC Smith at Superintendents of Utilities effective April 24, 2023 Councilmember Martin 2nd. Motion carried 3.0

Meeting adjourned



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