

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

June 5, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Margo Lewis, Nancy Wallace, Marlea Crain, Carol Owens, Marti Hankins, Lisa Walters, Ashlee Cadman, Mike Cadman, Brian Chumley, Pam Hicks, Tony Hicks, Scott Powell, Ken Gentrup, Butch Scott, Mark Lloyd, Paula Copenhaver

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

Minutes from the May 15, 2023 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced 2023-4 Capitalization policy this will amend 96-4 from 500.00 to 5,000.00 Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve 2023-4 councilmember Sare 2nd motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain announced the annexation on the golf course is coming along with the signatures and should be ready at the end of the week according to Mike Ahrens who is taking the papers around for signatures.

Gene Fye was present to ask about the standby time that is not being paid for the overtime during the week since they have to carry the phone since the City hasn't hired a new electric Superintendent yet. Councilmember Salts thinks they should be compensated for having the phone for call time during the week. Gene Fye and Mike Cadman feel they need to be compensated for call time until an electric Superintendent is hired. The Council will look into amending the policy and maybe including back pay once the council passes the ordinance to allow week call time for carrying the phone which has always been the Superintendents responsibility during the week. Councilmember Tanner said he thinks the electric department should always have another guy with them when they are running the chipper or get a call they need help on at this time they will need to get a street department worker.

Greg Myers reported that the pool is running and has replaced the auto valve button.

Bart Crowder reported the new chassis has been delivered to Toyne Inc. to start building the new fire truck, no date for when it will all be complete has been determined. The 4th of July fundraiser will be used for a combination skid unit for the fire department. Bart asked about pouring the concrete for the approach at the Fire Station Mayor Crain said to get a contractor

scheduled to get the work done.

Ken Gentrup asked about the annexation for Peach Lane and the blacktopping of 9th Street from Peach Lane to the bridge on 9th. The annexation is being worked on by Attorney Powell. They are requesting 2 street lights be put on Peach Lane when the annexation is complete. A bush needs to be trimmed back at Sally Donelson house because the view from Railroad to 9th is obstructed.

Marti Hankins was presented to complain about John Kesner property at 915 4th Street and a tree that they have complained about for a few years, she said the root system is infringing on water and waste water lines, Mrs. Hankins wants the attorney to send a letter about removing the junk from the back yard and give him a time line. She also said the traffic on 4th Street and Commercial is really bad and there is a new petition to block off 5th street during school hours to keep the traffic moving in the same direction. Councilmember Sare said he thinks it's because the parents don't let kids ride the school buses and everyone takes their children to school the big buses have about 15 kids in each bus. Mrs. Hankins feels we need to find a solution before another school year begins.

Councilmember Tanner asked about the junk still at Tanesa Jeffrey house on 4th & Park Ave. They have hauled a couple loads out but Mayor Crain said the City will go up and haul the rest of it off, this will be done before the 4th of July Celebration. Councilmember Tanner asked about another test well drilling and they still haven't found anything that will supply enough water for the town.

Councilmember Smith asked about regulating side by sides in the City? Chief Foster said the City doesn't regulate them it's through the BMV the sticker will be on the front of the side by side. Councilmember Smith asked about the annexation on River Road and he asked about the water availability because the insurance ratings are coming back poor. Bart Crowder said there are 2 hydrants out there right now but they are not annexed into the City limits so there isn't much they can do about that right now. Bart Crowder will get ahold of ISO and see what they recommend on the hydrants and where installing more would help.

Councilmember Sare Thanked everyone for a great street festival and all the help that everyone donated to make it a success.

Councilmember Martin Thanked the electric department for replacing the Flag at the City Park entrance.

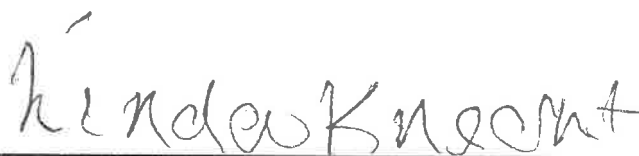
Councilmember Salts Thanked Mayor Crain all City employees for all the help and making the Street Festival a huge success. He questioned the out of town roof companies all being in town and stated the City does have a no solicitation ordinance and it is being enforced and wanted to let all residents know you have the right to tell them that and to leave your property.

Brian Chumley asked again about the READI grant and where the City stands on it. Mayor Crain said we know nothing at this time, the City is just waiting on the contracts that have been approved and we will go from there.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Sare and Martin

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

Next City council meeting will be Monday June 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Quinn

Mayor

Linda Knecht

Clerk-Treasurer