

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

July 17, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Carol Owens, Brian and Polly Chumley, Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Jerry and Mary Martin, Paula Copenhaver, Pam Hicks, Tony Hicks, Nancy Wallace, Scott Powell.

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

Minutes from the July 3, 2023 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Superintendent KC Smith reported his department is very busy with all the limb clean up from the storms and repairing leaks.

Superintendent Myers wanted permission to order lab equipment for E-Coli from IDDX for \$ 4,897.84. Councilmember Salts made the motion and councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 5-0. He also asked if the school would be using the pool for swim classes Mayor Crain said he

Chief Foster asked about the road around the new volleyball courts it needs attention where there are holes. Mayor Crain said the material for the new stage will be delivered tomorrow and will be placed where the old one was, he also stated the big pavilion will be roofed this week.

Councilmember Salts asked about the email from Amanda Strawser and if we are still compliant and Mayor Crain said we are. Amanda Strawser has found someone who will weed the garden at the park that will know the difference of a weed or native plant. Councilmember Salts asked about the power lines being put underground and Mayor Crain said we have 3 years to get it done and have completed some of it.

Councilmember Smith asked if Firechief Garth Kagels could be at the next meeting so he can ask him a few questions.

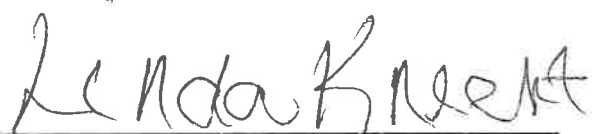
Councilmember Tanner asked about the annexation of the new subdivision on River Road. Councilmember Tanner wants to talk to Jeff Clark so he knows how many fire hydrants are needed out there before the city annexes it. Councilmember Tanner asked about the comp

time that Chief Foster had asked about at the July 3, 2023 meeting. He asked if we could pay out some of the comp time. Chief Foster will present a new ordinance about Holiday pay at overtime rate for officers that have to work the holidays at the next meeting for council approval and voting. Councilmember Tanner asked about Resolution 2023-1 and if the council is now to ignore this, his concern is that the council approved this but now after the July 3, 2023 meeting only Shiloh project will receive the READI grant monies. Mayor Crain is going to Lafayette on Thursday and find out what is going on. Councilmember Tanner said he feels the council has been left out of this whole project and would like for someone to come to the next meeting and explain all of this better, everyone is getting different answers from different people. Brian Chumley wants both projects to go but feels it needs to fair, Brian says they were told all the monies are going to the Shiloh project. Scott Powell said that the Shiloh project received and email from IEDC that their project was approved, Brian Chumley told Mayor Crain that the city was to turn in some paper work on their behalf. Mayor Crain said the city didn't turn in anything from the city on the Shiloh project to Chris Brock.

Meeting adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Sare

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

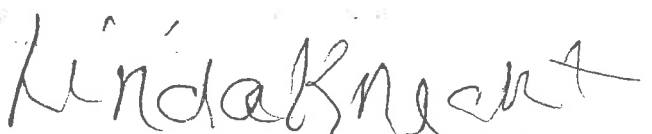
Councilmember Sare made the motion to make waste water adjustments for Charles Horwick, Charlene King and Janet Lewis for a water and waste water adjustment for overcharge on water meter.

Next Council meeting Monday August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

July 25, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Brian and Polly Chumley, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Keith Asbury, Jerry Crain, Pam Hicks, Scott Powell, Tony Hicks.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the READI grant only. Mayor Crain introduced Scott Walker from Greater Lafayette Commerce (GLC). Brian Chumley asked Mayor Crain about the meeting that he had in Lafayette July 20, 2023 and wanted to know if Mayor Crain saw that he had all of his plans turned in, Mayor Crain said he did see them but they were not engineered. Vincent Ash with the IEDC called Mayor Crain and stated the Council should move forward with the engineered project since the deadline was June 30, 2023. Brian Chumley said he couldn't get a 2nd motion from the city council to accept his project, Brian did state that councilmember Salts was absent from that meeting. Scott Walker explained to the council how they enter everything into the portal and the steps involved and said that the Shiloh project is the only one in the portal to receive the READI grant. The letter that is in the portal for Shiloh is from Mayor Crain Scott Walker stated. Councilmember Tanner asked about the Council being responsible for approving and accepting the bids on construction and approving the payments. The City of Covington is the project owner Councilmember Tanner and Councilmember Salts think the council should review the claims and not just the board of works. The City Council will decide how the council will structure how the claims are to be paid. Councilmember Salts asked if the City Council will pay the claims Mayor Crain stated the council will approve the claims to be paid.

Brian Chumley asked if the Shiloh project was ever approved by the City Council? He wants to see where and what meeting that this was approved. Councilmember Tanner had resolution 2021-5 that showed where the RDC and City Council accepted the Shiloh for development. Mayor Crain told Brian Chumley he had to have his project engineered by January and there was a discussion on this subject. A discussion was held on the next READI 2.0 and it will be for residential housing the Chumley's were told differently at their meeting but Mr. Walker said residential will be accepted but will have different rules. The State will have a higher threshold on the READI 2.0 the timeline will start with a project for the region in priority for the region the portal will be open soon he feels everything should be turned in August 31, 2023. Brian Chumley asked how he gets all the information for this project Mr. Walker said this will be State money and not Federal and all the information on it should be out soon. READI 2.0 may be a loan program and not a grant program, if hasn't been determined yet. Brian Chumley asked

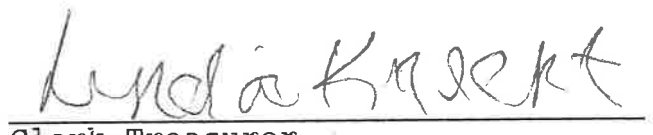
about help from the READI 2.0 for commercial businesses stating that Covington needs new business, Mr. Walker said it would depend on the type of business but felt daycare is a big one the State is focusing on now.

Councilmember Tanner asked if the council has to advertise for bids for the project anything over \$250,000, Mr. Walker said that is correct. He suggested you have different proposals for each utility or whatever you are doing, you have to follow the Federal procurement.

Councilmember Salts Thanked Scott Walker for attending the meeting.

Brian Chumley asked if his project is totally out of the question for the current READI grant and the council stated he didn't have everything turned in on time, Brian stated he could have but feels he never got any assistance from the City. The council feels he should get everything together he wants to do and submit for READI 2.0. Mr. Walker stated getting your paper work turned into the portal sooner than later is better.

Meeting Adjourned



Clerk-Treasurer