

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932

August 21, 2023

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

Absent: Attorney Powell

In Attendance from the Public: Carol Owens, Paula Copenhaver, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace,  
Margo Lewis, Polly Chumley, Brian Chumley, Vickie Jones, Keith Asbury

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

Minutes from August 7, 2023 Economic Development meeting, RDC meeting, Council meeting,  
Board of works meeting were approved.

Mayor Crain said the electric department has a chipper that needs to be advertised so we can get rid of it, we will advertise for this and sell to the highest bidder.

A proposal from Dunham Construction, LLC was received for replacing 33 posts at the big pavilion at the park for a cost of \$5,210.00. Motion made by Councilmember Tanner to accept this proposal Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0.

Rieth-Riley is about 3 weeks away from starting on our paving for the roads agreed on earlier this year. A quote was received from Bi-State Asphalt Co, Inc for paving in a few areas in town that have been overlooked. The quote is 26,130.00 to include in front of 519 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Patch large hole behind House of the Lions Antique store, Alley at East end of Washington Street, Patch area on Washington Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Orchard Drive and Sunset Drive. Councilmember Tanner made the motion to accept this quote Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain had a request for a block part on October 7, 2023 on Douglas Manor the council was all in agreement.

Mayor Crain would like something done with all the signs that are being put in yards all over town. The council thinks that all the contractor signs should only be put out in the yards that they are working on not just all over town for advertisement. The council was all in agreement and will work on an ordinance so it can be enforced.

Mayor Crain wants to do something about the property at 514 Jefferson Street and start condemnation against the property Mayor Crain will turn this over to Attorney Powell to get this

started. Rodney Grovier 3<sup>rd</sup> Street property was to be for Sale by August 1, 2023 and nothing has been done per the mediation agreement. This will be turned over to Attorney Powell.

Superintendent Myers said that the Cities NPDES permit is good for another 5 years.

Bart Crowder was present for the fire department with quotes for equipment for the new fire truck, 40,645.00 in total but doesn't include everything they need. The fire department want's this to be paid out of public safety and wants permission to start ordering from the quotes. Councilmember Tanner made the motion to start ordering equipment and Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Bart said the fire department has 3 new recruits coming to work for the fire department once they finish classes but are still looking for more. Councilmember Tanner said he met with the fire department and Superintendent KC Smith and feel a fire hydrant needs to be installed by the City at the entrance to the new subdivision off River Road, Bart Crowder stated a minimum of 5 more hydrants will need to be installed in the subdivision. Councilmember Tanner will get ahold of Jeff Clark and tell him he will have to buy everything and the City will install.

Brian Chumley asked about the 2.0 READI grant and who submits what is going to be accepted. Brian wants to know who will decide on the 2.0 READI grant and Mayor Crain said it will be the City or County. Councilmember Smith said to contact the EDC and get all the information from them. He also asked about the difference between EDC and RDC and who chooses who is on each one, Brad Smith is the President for both. Brian asked if Shiloh has turned in all their stuff to IDEM, he also said Cameron Seymore has sent Whispering Willows drawings to be signed off on. Brian Chumley asked about putting in roads for his project since he feels the city is putting in roads for Shiloh project. A long discussion was held on this issue.

Councilmember Salts asked about the videos not on the website and wants them uploaded ASAP Councilmember Salts wants the ordinances and resolutions brought up to date on the website also. Clerk-Treasurer Knecht stated that the City pays to have the ordinances codified and when they are ready they will be uploaded to website, Resolutions are not codified and have never been posted to website. Brian Chumley wants all RDC and EDC minutes and resolutions on the website also.

Councilmember Sare wants the stage, pavilion, and sand volleyball courts done at the Park before any other projects are started. The restrooms are now locked at the City Park at 8:00 p.m. until things stop being vandalized.

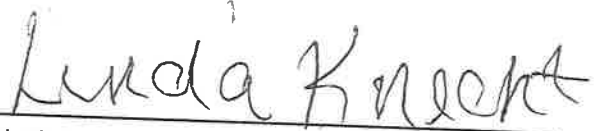
Councilmember Smith said that Covington missed a deadline on redistricting due to population change every 10 years. Councilmember Smith will look into the State League of Women Voters along with Paula Copenhaver and find out what needs to be done.

Councilmember Tanner asked about the READI grant bids and the advertising or quotes.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Martin, Sare

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

Waste Water adjustments for Justice Borst and Richard Partezana were presented. Mayor Crain made motion to approve adjustments Councilmember Sare 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer