

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

September 5, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Carol Owens, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Paula Copenhaver, Jeff Clark, Polly and Brian Chumley, Pat Crowder, Scott Powell, Tony Hicks

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

Minutes from August 21, 2023 Council meeting and Board of works were approved.

Jeff Clark and Pat Crowder were present from Rivercrest Golf Club to talk about the fire hydrants that need to be put into the new subdivision that councilmember Tanner met with them about. Jeff Clark said he ordered exactly what the City of Covington told them to order and from the vendor they told him to use. Councilmember Tanner stated when he met with Jeff Clark he stated he wasn't going to purchase the hydrants as he felt he had done what he needed to do on his part. Councilmember Tanner asked the question is the city going to take this on? Councilmember Tanner asked if the original plans included how many hydrants should have been installed? Mayor Crain suggested that the city put all the hydrants in and be paid for by the City. Superintendent KC Smith had a price list for the council for all hydrants and valves the cost will be less than \$50,000. Brian Chumley asked if his will be installed in his new subdivision? Mayor Crain said he wasn't sure. Councilmember Tanner made the motion for the city to install the fire hydrants and valves Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Sare Thanked Jeff and Pat for making a nice subdivision that is a benefit to the City of Covington.

Superintendent KC Smith reported his department in very busy with projects all over town.

Superintendent Myers said the latest inspection of the plant was passed. He reported the city pool wasn't closed down properly and a lot of things were left undone. Mayor Crain will contact the school and advise them of the situation and that things need to be changed before next year agreement to use the pool after closing to the public for swimming classes offered by the school. Councilmember Tanner asked about all the equipment at the Sewer Plant Mayor Crain said he is waiting on Baker Tilley to get the rate study done on how we will finance the rest.

Councilmember reports:

Councilmember Salts asked about ordinance 2023-5 and 2023-6 were not brought up in the meeting on video, these are both regarding Shiloh. They are both recorded in the Council minutes and signed by the city council. A lengthy discussion was held on the subject and Councilmember Salts want's it known that he did not vote for either ordinance. The motion was made to approve these 2 ordinances and voted on in 1 motion and approved 4-0 on both.

Councilmember Sare said he would like new lighting and painting done in the new pavilion after Dunham construction is finished. Councilmember Salts said the pavilion has new lighting. Councilmember Sare said he will check it out that maybe just more lighting needs to be added.

Councilmember Martin nothing.

Councilmember Smith said the fire department will be testing fire hydrants the 3rd week of September so water will be disturbed around town.

Brian Chumley thanked Mayor Crain for signing the paper work for Whispering Willows so he can send to get approval, he also asked about the issue on the dead-end black top road between BMV and Fountain Springs that he brought up at the August 21, 2023 Council meeting. A lengthy conversation was held on this issue and who owns 13th Street and the east end of Orchard Drive. Brian Chumley claims that Shiloh owns it and not the city and brought in Beacon stats on the ownership of these properties. Councilmember Salts said May 18, 2020 the council agreed to put in the road between BMV and Fountain Springs. Brian Chumley questioned Mayor Crain on why the city purchased the east end of Orchard Drive to open it up to 13th Street if not to benefit his new subdivision? Another lengthy conversation was held on this issue.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Martin, Sare

Councilmember Sare made the motion to approve all claims and Councilmember Martin.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer