

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932

October 2, 2023

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

In attendance from the public: Jerry Martin, Brian & Polly Chumley, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Butch Scott, Marty Acord, Randy Randles, Kathy Easter, Pam & Tony Hicks.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Minutes from September 18, 2023 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced ordinance 2023-8 adoption of the 2024 budget. Councilmember Martin made the motion to pass 2023-8 Sare 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent KC Smith stated the leaf vac will start October 16, 2023. The Street department has been busy cold patching and will patch the hole in front of the BMV soon.

Chief Foster set Trick or Treat hours October 31, 2023 6-8 p.m. He also recommended the golf cart ordinance registration fees increase from \$10.00 to \$25.00 beginning January 1, 2024. The council will need to amend the current ordinance changing the fees for registration. Councilmember Smith made the motion to increase the fee and Councilmember Tanner 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0. Chief Foster also told the council that Officer Hailey Aukerman is now at Police academy and will return to duty in about 8 weeks.

#### Council Reports:

Councilmember Tanner asked about Reith-Riley and when they will start paving? Mayor Crain stated he is going to talk to the consultant so we can get the other streets started, 13<sup>th</sup> Street is the one that they want to increase the price on so they need to justify the price difference from the bid. Councilmember Tanner asked if they don't blacktop 13<sup>th</sup> this year how will we prep it for the traffic? Butch Scott asked about how they can bid out a project and the City accepts the bid on it and then change their price? Mayor Crain stated we have a contract with them for what they bid. Councilmember Tanner asked about the fire hydrants for the golf course and Supt KC Smith said we have 3 in stock. Councilmember Tanner asked about where we are on the Waste Water treatment plant project? Mayor Crain said we are waiting on Baker-Tilly to do a rate study to see how we are going to finance the project. Councilmember Tanner also stated

he wanted the facebook gossip to stop, if you have an issue with anything please contact a councilmember and ask them directly instead of posting on Facebook he stated he is on the Council to make sure everything is done by the book.

Councilmember Smith asked about the Well study of boring under the river a discussion was held on the matter.

Councilmember Sare questioned where we are on properties that have been discussed at previous meetings and getting them cleaned up? Councilmember Sare said he thinks we need to do something about the parking during Apple festival. Councilmember Sare would like to have Chief Foster look into getting cars removed from properties in town that never move and may not have current plates on them.

Councilmember Martin asked about a leaf vac schedule? Superintendent KC Smith stated they will run every day until all the leaves have been picked up but there is no set schedule of streets.

Councilmember Salts asked about hiring an electric superintendent, it is still being worked on. Mayor Crain said the electric department is doing a good job for the amount of experience they have and are staying very busy.

Butch Scott asked again about the truck at 10<sup>th</sup> and Harrison that he would like removed. Butch also asked about an ordinance on how far apart your trash cans need to be if you have 2? Clerk Treasurer Knecht said the ordinance does not state that, but does state that trash cans need to be put out 12 hours before pickup and back off the street 12 hours after pickup.

Meeting adjourned

Brad Crain  
Mayor

Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Martin, Sare

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

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain  
Mayor

Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

October 17, 2023

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Sare

Absent: Councilmember Martin

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain  
Mayor


Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer


October 18, 2023

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

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
This meeting is to only discuss Review of Excess Levy Appeals. Mayor Crain introduced a petition to appeal for an increase above the maximum levy. Appeal type Three-year growth factor appeal amount \$85,000. Mayor Crain said he feels this needs to be done in case we have short falls in Police, Fire, and Sanitation. Councilmember Sare made the motion to sign and accept this Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Crain will submit this to DLGF for approval.

Meeting Adjourned  
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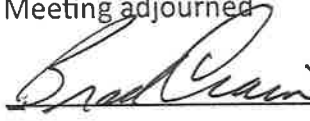
  
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October 30, 2023

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Salts, Martin, Sare, Smith, Tanner  
Absent: Attorney Powell  
Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to pass the 2024 Salary Ordinance 2023-9 Councilmember Tanner made the motion to approve 2023-9 Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Smith made motion to accept 2023-10 Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Sare made motion to accept 2023-11 Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned  
  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer