

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

April 1, 2024

- Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles, Attorney Powell.
- Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver
- In attendance from the public: Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Ed DeVore, Ruth & Curtis Hunt, James Spicer, Matt Commons.

Minutes from City Council meeting March 4, 2024 and Board of Works meetings from March 4, 2024 & March 25, 2024 were approved.

The annual report from Bakertilly for the DLGF TIF Management was acknowledged by the Council and Redevelopment commission that they had received the report, no action needs to be taken Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will file the report on Gateway.

Mayor Crain introduced Matt Commons running for State Representative he told a little about himself and would appreciate your vote.

Mayor Crain told Superintendent KC Smith to go ahead and install the stop sign at 3rd east bound and Liberty and to order a flashing stop sign so everyone will notice it.

Ed Devore was present to propose a 4 way STOP for the intersection Railroad, Sunset and 9th street he stated it is a blind intersection. He said he would like the council to consider something be done. Mayor Crain stated the City will look into this matter.

James Spicer was present to say he wants to purchase some ground east of the bowling alley, he wants to put a maintenance garage for equipment repair and rentals. He was told by the county that it falls into City Zoning and not county, the electricity will be provided by the City the City would have to check into water. The Mayor and council will look into this and make sure this can be allowed and what zoning changes if any need to take place.

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht introduced the next Shiloh Development reimbursement from the READI grant to the council it doesn't need a vote just paper work signed.

Mayor Crain reappointed the Redevelopment Commission to remain the same as last year. Councilmember Randles made the motion Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Waste water treatment plant bids are available and will be accepted until April 18, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The bids will be opened at that time for anyone wanting to attend.

The old Fountain County Jail has been removed and Mayor Crain is accepting bids for someone to build a new street/Electric garage on the site. Superintendent KC Smith and electric department will have input on the new building and what their needs are for the new construction.

Chief Foster said the new Police trucks are being built and may be delivered in June.

Superintendent Myers said the old #1 well is close to being done, Ortman has the old well shut down and building is removed, Supt. Myers Thanked the Street department for their help

Superintendent Smith said his department has been busy with leaks, and picking up bags, etc.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilmember Smith is looking into the Fire Department rates since our ratings came back poorly, he feels it's a lot of hydrant issues but will report back to the council his findings. He asked about Chief Foster and his department not finding a new police officer, he would like to meet with the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer about the Police budget. Councilmember Smith feels that a lot of the City ordinances need to be updated with the wording that any officer not just Police Chief can serve the papers for violations of ordinances. He would like to know what the zoning ordinances are Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will get him copies of the ordinance. All ordinances can be found online at covingtonin.net

Councilmember Randles reported on the City Park mowers are all serviced and ready to go, the benches on the trail need to be replaced, flower beds are being taken care of, tennis courts and pavilions have all been cleaned out. Councilmember Randles stated he thinks the camping and pavilion rentals need be increased this would have to be done by ordinance so that would be a council decision.

City wide Cleanup is Saturday April 20, 2024 the same rules apply as every year.

Meeting Adjourned.

Brad Crain Mayor Linda Knecht Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Easter, Randles

Councilmember Randles made the motion to pay all claims 2nd by Councilmember Easter Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.
Brad Crain Mayor Linda Knecht Clerk-Treasurer