

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

April 15, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Copenhaver, Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles

Absent: Attorney Powell

In Attendance from the public: Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Nancy Wallace, Carol Owens, Amy Thompson, Tabitha Ziegler, Jeff & Wanda Miller.

Minutes from City Council and Board of works meetings April 1, 2024 were approved.

Ordinance 2024-3 an ordinance annexing certain real property into the City of Covington IN Councilmember Smith made the motion 2nd Councilmember Copenhaver Motion passed 5-0. Resolution 2024-1 a resolution relinquishing certain zoning authority to Fountain County Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion 2nd Councilmember Martin Motion passed 4-1 Councilmember Smith voted against.

Mayor Crain said he has been in contact with OSF for a Health Care facility in Covington, OSF would like to build at north east corner of parking lot at the Community Center the city will deed a piece of land and OSF will build the building. This would be an asset to Covington as we need a health care center, it will be fully staffed and specialist will come into this facility, they will take all insurances except Carle. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve deeding the land and easement to the parking lot to OSF Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

Community Crossings awarded \$220,597.51 to Covington for street repair. The streets are as follow:

Jefferson St from US 136-4th Street
3rd Street from Railroad-Park Ave.
4th Street from Pearl-Park Ave.
5th Street from Pearl-Park Ave.
6th Street from Pearl-Railroad Street
8th Street from Washington Street-Jefferson Street
Commercial Street from 4th Street-5th Street
Market Street from 2nd Street-3rd Street
Railroad Street from 4th Street-7th Street

Mayor Crain said the stage floor at the city park was poured over the weekend and the roof will be put on next week weather permitting.

Matt Hesler turned in a quote for 1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts, coating, resurface, color, nets and posts. The city will be responsible for tearing out the old courts and laying stone, then Matt Hesler will smooth it all out. Councilmember Smith made the motion to accept the bid of \$69,698.00 from Matt Hesler this is a matching grant so the City will only be responsible for ½. Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

The Community Center, BMV, USDA Building, Fountain Springs need to be rezoned to B-1 from R-3. Attorney Powell will draw up the paper work and it will be advertised in paper, Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

Waste Water Treatment bids are due April 18th at 2:00 pm. the bids will be open then, and taken under advisement no action will be taken.

Amy Thompson asked permission for Apple fest September 28th 9-5 and set up after 5:00 p.m. on the 27th. Permission granted.

Tabitha Zieger asked permission to have a festival at the City Park for children with disabilities she feels we need to offer something like this with vendors, food trucks, etc. Mayor Crain suggested maybe putting something together in August or September when the park isn't as busy. Tabitha will check back with the council once she has a date and exactly what all will be involved.

Chief Foster asked for permission to order a radar for one of the new vehicles for \$1, 597.00 Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Randles asked about installing cameras at the park. The City has 2 that will be installed this week and we are waiting on a price for the others and waiting on internet to be installed.

Councilmember Smith made the motion to install a 4 way stop at the intersection of 9th Street Railroad/Sunset. Councilmember Easter 2nd motion carried 5-0. Attorney Powell will get the ordinance for Clerk-Treasurer Knecht to advertise. Councilmember Smith asked about increasing the Police salaries and there is a grant available, he would like to have Shannon Foster and Clerk-Treasurer Knecht look into this grant. Cops Hiring program (CHP). Chief Foster said this will need a grant writer to complete.

Councilmember Martin said the last few meetings the council talked about a stop sign on Railroad and 7th St near the schools, the council agreed to table it right now. He asked about

bids on the new Electric and MVH building Mayor Crain said he has a few bids and will present the bids at next months council meeting.

Councilmember Copenhagen asked where we are on insulation for the Police department? Chief Foster said he will get quotes shortly and the whole building will be insulated.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Randles, Easter

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

Meeting adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

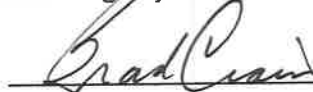
April 18, 2024

Bid Opening for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements as advertised for.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Smith, Supt. Myers

3 bids were received by the 2:00 p.m. deadline from: Patterson Horth General Contractors, Graves Construction Services, Inc. Schomburg & Schomburg Construction Co ,Inc. Patterson Horth bid 2,362,000.00, Graves Construction Services Inc. 2,727.272.00, Schomburg & Schomburg Construction 2,647.850.00. Lou Savka from Triad Associates, Inc. will take the bids back to his office and the bids will be taken under advisement.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer