

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932

July 1, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Copenhaver, Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles, Attorney Powell.

Present from the public: Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Jeff & Wanda Miller, Bruce Aukerman, Troy & Jennifer Alexander, Marlea Crain

Minutes from Council meeting & Board of Works June 3, 2024 and Board of Works June 17, 2024 were approved.

Mayor Crain announced the waste water treatment plant project will receive \$ 750,000.00 from READI 1 from Attica since their project wasn't ready yet and they couldn't use the funding at this time. The City still needs 1.5 million to finish the waste water project. Attorney Powell stated the City will have to take bids on the funding of the project. Councilmember Smith asked if this will include the drilling for a new well and Mayor Crain said no the Water Department has enough money in the account to pay for the well. A discussion by the council was held on this subject. Councilmember Smith made the motion to take bids for the loan on the Waste Water Treatment plant project Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Troy and Jennifer Alexander asked about the sidewalks from Railroad to Park Avenue on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, that was in the minutes several times in the last year or so that the council agreed needed to be done. Mayor Crain stated this will be bid out on the next community crossings.

Supt. KC Smith said the street department has received the new locator and will start working on mapping the water meters and where they are located on properties. Councilmember Smith asked about the stop sign that should be installed at 9<sup>th</sup> and Railroad? KC Smith stated it has been pushed back but will be installed soon.

Officer Brewer asked if the issue can be re-visited and the ordinance not go into effect.

Supt. Myers stated IDEM did their inspection and they need a response on the AC in the lab and they need a date when it will be installed. Mayor Crain told Greg to tell them we are working on it and if they have any questions to contact him.

Police Chief Foster wants to sell the Crown Vic to Covington School Corp for the SRO to use for \$1500.00, Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0 to sell to Covington School Corp. He asked permission to buy storage boxes for the

back of the new Police trucks they will be around \$1600.00 for each truck and he needs to buy 3 rifles at a cost of \$2,000.00 for his department to be paid out of Police Non- Reverting Councilmember Easter made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.


Councilmember Randles wants to be involved in the budget process and Mayor Crain said the Budget workshop is scheduled for July 31, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Randy said the department heads want to submit their own budgets this year for the council to review. Mayor Crain will hand each department head a budget form and they can turn it in. A long conversation was held on the budget process. Randy would like to increase each Police Officer \$10,000.00 immediately. Councilmember Copenhaver said she is going to look into the budget for the officers and have an educated idea for the August meeting so the council can vote on where this money will come from. Councilmember Copenhaver would like to table the motion for the pay increase until the August council meeting.

Jennifer Alexander asked if the budget will be posted anywhere for the public to see, Mayor Crain responded it will be on the public side of Gateway.

Councilmember Smith asked about the new subdivision and the signage that was discussed at the June council meeting, Jeff and Wanda Miller said the entrance and exit is very bad and the hill on River Road makes it a blind area. Mayor Crain suggested we have signage that says slow subdivision entry. Councilmember Smith suggested we remove the triangle at the entrance and pave but KC Smith said there are several water valve boxes in that area. Supt. KC Smith will check it out and see what he feels might be a solution.

Councilmember Copenhaver asked about the sound proofing of the Police Department, Chief Foster said he is waiting on a call back.

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Randles, Easter

Mayor Crain made the motion to transfer \$167,000.00 from Waste Water Operating to Waste Water Depreciation Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

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

Meeting Adjourned.  
  
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Mayor

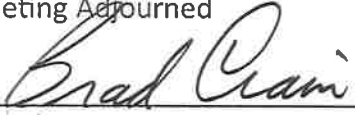
  
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Clerk-Treasurer

July 15, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Randles

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer