

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
6:00 p.m.

August 5, 2024

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

Present from the public: Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Marlea Crain, Rod Bannon, Kenneth Ohl, Keith Asbury, Candy Persinger, Dennis Limaugue, T.J. Persinger.

Minutes from Council meeting & Board of Works July 1, 2024 and Board of Works July 15, 2024 were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Rod Bannon from Fountain County Economic Development talking about schools, and economic development for Fountain County. Mr. Bannon handed out a flyer to all Council members. Councilmember Smith asked how the board was determined and Mr. Bannon stated the County Council decided on the board for the next 4 years then they will be rotated out and new members will be on the board.

Mayor Crain stated we received our only Community Crossings bid from Milestone. The bid is for \$317,215.55 The City local match will be 96,018.04. The Roads bid on are Jefferson St from US 136 to Fourth Street, 3rd Street from Railroad St to Park Ave, 4th Street from Pearl St to Park Ave, 5th Street from Pearl St to Park Ave, 6th Street from Pearl to Railroad St, 8th Street from Washington St to Jefferson St, Commercial Street from 4th to 5th Street, Market Street from 2nd to 3rd St, Railroad St from 4th to 7th Street. Councilmember Coppenhaver made the motion to accept the bid from Milestone Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Crain opened 2 bids for the financing of the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade.. Old National bid was for 1.5 million interest 4.59% interest payments due annually for 10 years. Fountain Trust 1.5 million interest rate 4% for 10 years with a loan application fee of \$1000.00 and semi-annual payments due. Mayor Crain recommends we go with the Fountain Trust Councilmember Smith made the motion to accept the Fountain Trust bid for the loan Councilmember Martin 2nd motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Crain introduced Resolution 2024-2, 2024-3, 2024-4 to cut the current year budget in 3 appropriations this year so we can fully fund 2025 budget. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

Jenny Goeppner requested permission for the 5K for the Nursery School for October 26, 2024 using the park and walking trail. The Council agreed to allow.

Mayor Crain asked the council about the passed ordinance 2024-4 on the 4 way STOP at 9th and Railroad/Sunset Mayor Crain and the Police department feel there will be more problems with the STOP sign once it is put up. A discussion was held on the issue and a final decision will be made at a later date Councilmember Copenhaver made motion to table the topic and councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 5-0

Chief Foster received a bid on insulation from New Horizons Insulation for \$3900.00 to do the walls in the Police department and one wall in the City Building. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to accept the bid Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 5-0.
Mayor Crain has received a bid for the Street Department from Clark Chevrolet in Cayuga for \$ \$49,146.93 for a 2024 Silverado 1500 Crew Cab WT the truck is in stock and Mayor Crain stated it is needed by the Street/Water Department. The City is also looking into a 1 ton truck to haul brush and get rid of a couple of older trucks. Councilmember Copenhaver asked if we have a schedule of rotating the trucks out and Mayor Crain said we will purchase as needed when trucks are available. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase the truck Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Covington Elementary School requested permission to use the City pool the month of August for 2nd & 3rd graders swim lessons with a final day being August 30 2024. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to allow the school to use the pool Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Kenneth Ohl asked about a tree that he has on his property between the street and the sidewalk and if can be taken down. The Electric department will look at it Tuesday to see if the City will take them down.

Dennis Limaugue asked if the City was going to put rock in his ditch that he has attended meetings about before, KC Smith will look at the situation Tuesday. Mr. Limaugue would like a letter sent to 10th and Harrison BK Management owns the property Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will contact them tomorrow to clean up the property.

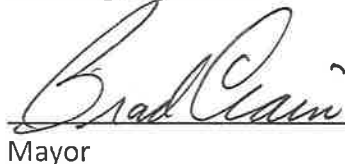
Supt. KC Smith reported they have fixed the drainage ditch on North 9th Street.

Supt Myers stated the school will use the pool starting August 19th. The City has enough chemicals to get through Aug. 31st. The Tanks at the plant will be poured this Friday the project is going along well. AC unit is being installed in the lab.

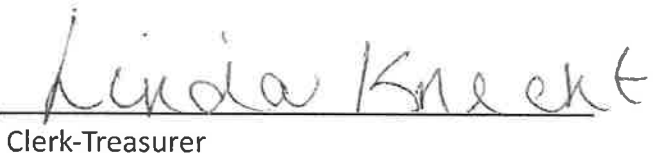
Chief Foster stated the Police trucks are in and being used they are just unmarked at this time.

Council Reports: NONE

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

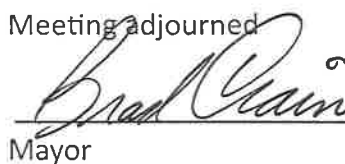
Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Easter, Randles.

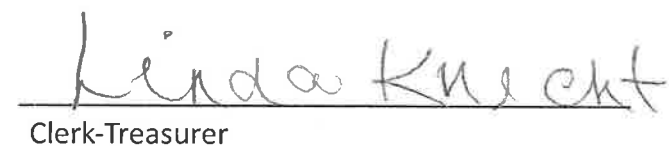
Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims as presented Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Easter made the motion to transfer \$228,600.00 from Waste Water Operating to Waste Water Depreciation Mayor Crain 2nd Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Special Meeting Monday August 19th at 6:00 p.m. to work on the City Budget.

Special Council Meeting
329 Washington Street
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6:00 p.m.

August 19, 2024

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

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order to discuss the 2025 Budget and the Purchase of trucks for the Electric Department.

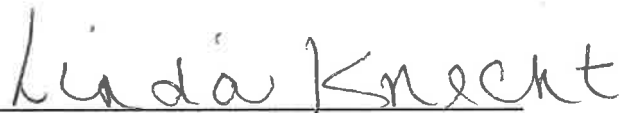
Mayor Crain found 2 trucks for the Electric department that he feels we need to purchase a one ton chevy 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD \$64,432.00 and 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab at Hare Chevrolet for \$52,727.75. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase both trucks Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented the proposed budget for 2025 there was a discussion held on the budget. The budget hearing will be August 9, 2024 with the budget adoption August 23, 2024 both at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

August 19, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Randles

Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Randles 2nd motion carried 3-0. Mayor Crain made the motion to transfer \$64,000.00 from Electric Operating to Electric Depreciation Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer