

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

March 3, 2025

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

Present from the public: Carol Owens, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Dennis Limauga, Wanda Miller, Nikki Allen, Sarah Keller, Keith Asbury

Minutes from Council meeting and Board of Works February 3, 2025, Board of Works February 18, 2025 were approved.

Dennis Limauga was present to ask if rocks will be put in his ditch this year, Supt KC Smith will check into it but feels everything will backup if we do it.

Nikki Allen and Sarah Keller asked permission to use the pool chairs on April 26 for the Covington After Prom, Mayor Crain stated if they get broken they will have to be replaced. The Council agreed to let the After Prom use the chairs.

Wanda Miller was present to ask about the letter the City is to send to Jeff Clark, Attorney Powell will send letter soon.

Supt KC Smith has a couple proposals for Hydra Vac truck and will present at the next meeting. City wide Spring Cleanup is Saturday April 12, 2025 nothing is to be put at curb until the week before pickup.

Police Chief Foster stated the new radios are in and have been installed in the police cars, he did state we need to purchase one more and he will get a quote on it.

Gene Fye was present from the Electric Department with a Memorandum of Understanding from IMEA. Mayor Crain feels we need to go with option 3 2025 Annual Membership fee 2,191.00 and 2025 Contract Services which includes 2-8 hour days of training/work/project management days per month at a cost of 41,661.00 since we don't have an electric superintendent Mayor Crain feels this would be a good option instead of hiring another employee. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to go with 3<sup>rd</sup> option Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Crain handed out a printout of the land under the railroad trestle with Brian Tyson wanting to trade out a portion of land with the City. The Council had several questions on this issue and want more information before a decision can be made so it was tabled at this time. Mayor Crain will meet with Rodger Azar and get the land marked off and have more information at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Randles stated that the department heads met with him and Clerk-Treasurer about Policy changes for 2026. Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will send a current proposed copy to councilmembers for their input and changes so this can be done by year end. Councilmember Randles also asked about street lighting at the City Park as the lights that are there are very dull. Mayor Crain stated that new lighting will be done in the park by year end with a DNR grant.

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Copenhaver have been working on redistricting for 3<sup>rd</sup> class cities, this should have been done after the 2020 Census and the deadline now is June 30, 2025. Ordinance 82-7 Grandfathers the City in residential representation. They met with Dave Shelton from Knox county at no cost to the City about the redistricting and the deviation percent. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to take option #3 with a 1.4% deviation and redistrict upon that drawing and the 2020 census. This has to be certified and an ordinance will have to be written by Attorney Powell for certification.

Mayor Crain wanted to know if the Council would accept Stringtown road from the 11<sup>th</sup> street bridge and I-74 Bridge. There was a discussion held on it and if the County agrees to give it to the City we will accept it. Mayor Crain proposes that the City give the County the land on the North side of the cell tower for 911 by where the old Jail was located the Council was all in agreement.

Mayor Crain introduced Resolution 2025-1 giving the Mayor approval to sign off on easements related to parking for 1309 Pearl St across 1307 Pearl St, which is owned by the City of Covington. Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance 2025-1 Re-zoning 1307-1325 Pearl Street to B-1 previously zoned R-3. Councilmember Smith made motion Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0. Ordinance 2025-2 the property at 1309 Pearl Street shall be grated a variance regarding setbacks and yard size requirement of Ordinance 154.054(D) to require no minimum yard size or setbacks. Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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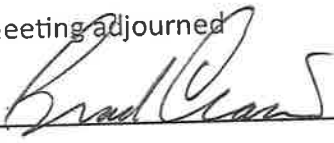
Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Martin, Smith

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

Mayor Crain made the motion to approve 2 wastewater adjustments Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned

  
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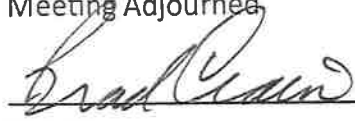
  
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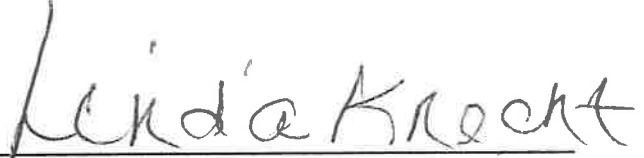
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Mayor Crain made the motion to allow 2 Waste Water adjustments Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



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