

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

April 7, 2025

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

Present from the public: Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Sandy Fry, Keith Asbury, Raquel Stultz, Nancy Shambach, Cindy Tolley, Margaret Keller, Justin McLain, Jayne Darby, Sherri Jacobs.

Minutes from Council meeting and Board of Works March 3, 2025 and Board of Works meeting March 17, 2025 were approved.

Mayor Crain asked all councilmembers if they have received the TIF annual report that has to be acknowledged at this meeting in order to file TIF report into Gateway, all Councilmembers stated they have received the report.

Supt KC Smith requested Keaton Fry be promoted to \$20.00 an hour effective April 7, 25 Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion Councilmember Randles 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0. KC handed out quotes on a new sweeper truck that they demoed that we could have in a few days from Brown Equipment They will give us 10,000 for the old sweeper truck cost is 289,000.00. He would like to purchase a combo 2017 truck for 148,500.00 with a 1year warranty KC feels this will be an asset to his department. Councilmember Randles made the motion to purchase both vehicles Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Supt Myers stated the Waste Water treatment project is almost complete and everything is running well and very pleased with the company that is installing everything.

Fire Chief Kagels stated the fire department had a very busy month of March they have 4 people in classes now for EMT training.

Police Chief Foster has the quote for purchasing 1 more radio since we were short one from the previous order. Chief Foster stated one of the Police car cameras and transport cage was damaged this weekend during an arrest and transport and needs to be replaced Chief Foster will get quotes and give them to Clerk-Treasurer Knecht. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase one radio for the Police Department Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Jayne Darby was present representing The Coffeenians about purchasing umbrellas or some other way to provide shade at the City Pool. Sherri Jacobs asked if the City would pay for half of the cost and Mayor Crain said that would have to be approved by the Council once they have the price of whatever they are wanting to purchase. Mayor Crain will get ahold of a salesman for the dimensions on the umbrella and other piece they are looking at and see where it will fit at the pool and would be most beneficial.

Justin McLain from Windy Ridge requested use of the pocket park for Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to host a few vendors, the Mayor and Council said it would be fine.

Sandy Fry was present to ask if Covington could look into Budge Billing since her utility bills are extremely high. Clerk-Treasurer Knecht will get ahold of Boyce to see if this is a possibility but also stated you are always welcome to pay more on your bill monthly to keep a credit balance. Sandy also requested a STOP sign be installed at Fairway and Eagle Drive in the new subdivision, Supt KC Smith will look into getting one installed.

Mayor Crain introduced Resolution 2025-2 for Annexation of Rivercrest stating the City hereby assert responsibility for care and maintenance of said roadways, specifically, Fairway Drive and Eagle Drive as a function of annexation of April 15, 2024. Councilmember Smith made the motion to accept Resolution 2025-2 Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain had the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2025-3 Redistricting in compliance with Indiana code 36-4-6-5, this will be voted on at the May council meeting.


Cindy Tolley was present to ask about a contract with Paws and Claws. She has talked to Paws and Claws and there is no charge for the TNR program and no fee for a contract. Mayor Crain will call Paws and Claws tomorrow and see what can be set up. Cindy said that her neighborhood is saturated in cats and something needs to be done. She will be checking back with Paws and Claws in a week to see if the City has reached out to them.

Keith Asbury was present and made a statement in reference to cats in Covington. He stated the American Legion cabin in the park will start having fund raising to get the cabin functional so it can be used, he also stated the cabin did have damage to the roof and that should be taken care of shortly. Keith would like to have a letter made public that Mayor Crain sent to the ISP. A long discussion was held with Council about letters being sent, wanting certain records that he has requested, etc. everything that Keith Asbury requests will be taken to City Attorney Powell. The tone of the meeting was getting heated and Mayor Crain stated the meeting is over.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

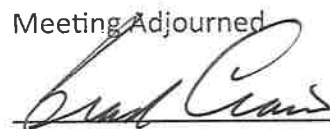
Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Smith

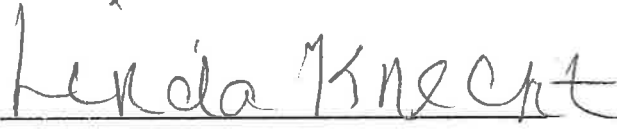
Councilmember Martin made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Martin made the motion to allow one Waste Water Adjustment Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



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Covington Redevelopment Commission  
329 Washington Street  
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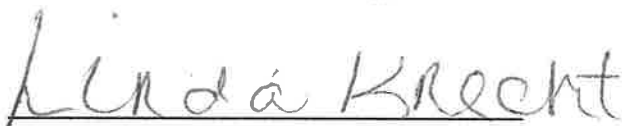
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5:30 p.m.

Present: President Brad Smith, Todd Hegg, Justin Martin, Paula Copenhaver, Joe Sare  
Absent: Mike Ahrens

Meeting was called to order to go over and acknowledge the receipt of the TIF Management Annual Report. Everyone received the report via email or mail and no discussion was needed.

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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President Brad Smith

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works  
April 21, 2025

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Smith

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht told the Board of Works we need to transfer \$25,000.00 from wastewater operating to wastewater depreciation cash and \$10,000.00 from water operating to water depreciation cash for the purchase of the 2017 Vactor 2103 Truck. Councilmember Smith made the motion to transfer the monies Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 3-0.

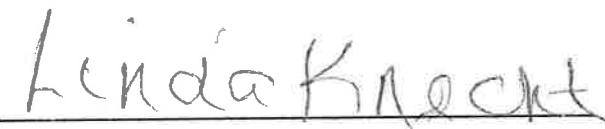
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Clerk-Treasurer Knecht gave the board of works wastewater adjustments Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve adjustments Mayor Crain 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 3-0.

Bids were open for the paving of City streets for Community Crossings Grant. Rudig Paving and Maintenance Inc. from Carmel IN \$ 294,836.74 next bid DC Construction Services Pendelton IN \$287,483.24 next bid Reith Riley \$230,514.60 next bid Milestone \$222,883.00. These bids will be taken under advisement and presented to council at next Council meeting. Streets included are Park Ave from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> St from Crockett to Railroad, 11<sup>th</sup> St from 800' South of Spring St (Bridge) to US 136, 6<sup>th</sup> St from 150' South of Union St to US 136, 2<sup>nd</sup> St from Railroad to Park Ave.

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

April 24, 2025  
Special Council Meeting  
329 Washington Street  
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Martin, Easter Randles  
Duane Richardson from IMEA, KC Smith

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. this meeting is to only discuss an employee issue and discussing what needs to be done. Upon the recommendation of the Council and the Mayor Mike Cadman will be released from his job effective April 29, 2025 Councilmember Martin made the motion Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Crain stated Mike will receive his Vacation pay and Personal days that he has accumulated and the current week he worked payable May 9, 2025 pay along with health insurance benefits until June 30, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer