

Mayor
Clerk-Treasurer

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

July 7, 2025

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

Absent: Councilmember Easter

Present from the public: Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Mallorie Allen, Lee Martin, Bob Kemp, Eric Burke, Staci Stultz, Chuck Edwards. Kerri Burke

Minutes from June 2, 2025 Council meeting and Board of Works and June 16, 2025 Board of Works meeting were approved.

Baseball and Softball leagues were present to complain about the fees they have to pay to host out of town tournaments to the City they feel since they pay all expenses for their fields they should not be charged this fee. Ordinance 2017-1 states all Baseball and Softball tournaments charging a fee per team will be required to pay a \$100.00 fee to the City of Covington after using the ball diamonds and at a council meeting on August 5, 2019 the council discussed the city getting a \$25.00 fee from each team that enters the tournaments to cover trash removal and restroom cleaning. A motion was made to start collecting charges for tournaments and carried 5-0. Mayor Crain also stated that each league needs to turn in a financial statement at the beginning of each year. Mayor Crain said the council will discuss this further and have

something ready for the September 2, 2025 Council meeting. Mayor Crain stated the monies are used for upgrades to the park each year and can be used nowhere else except the City Park. Bob Kemp would like to be able to use the money from tournaments to upgrade and maintain both the Softball and baseball fields. Lee Martin stated the concession stand is the only thing that makes money during these tournaments due to umpire fees and awards.

Mallorie Allen and Staci Stultz were present about wanting chickens to be allowed by ordinance in the City of Covington. Mayor Crain stated he and the council have talked to a lot of people and no one wants chicken coops and hens allowed in town. The mayor and council had a long discussion on this subject and just feel it isn't a good idea even with a new ordinance and permits needed to have coops with restrictions and limits on how many hens would be allowed. Mallorie believes her family and others wanting to have chickens in town shouldn't be penalized on the people not wanting them and not taking care of them properly. No action was taken by the Council.

Chuck Edwards who works for the Celebration group cleaning the bathrooms during the 4th of July festival would like to have the approach to the middle bathroom fixed as he feels it's a danger for wheelchairs and strollers and could cause someone to trip. Mayor Crain stated he will have it looked at.

Supt. KC Smith said the Street departments needs to purchase a snow plow, spreader box, and dump truck soon KC and Mayor will look to get prices.

Supt. Myers said Indiana Pump works will be here tomorrow to fix the issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, Ricketts electric grounded the wiring at the waste Water plant also.

Bart Crowder said Fire Department sent in new engine for window repair. Bart asked when we will start ground work for new fire training facility Mayor Crain said Darrin Burke will start working on the pad soon, and a new hydrant will be ran to it soon by water department. The Fire Department will have training classes starting in August through the 1st of the year.

Police Chief Foster stated we need to replace the 2018 Police vehicle soon for a new Ford Explorer he will get a quote to present at the next meeting.

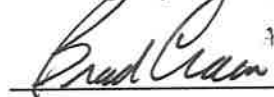
Council Reports:

Councilmember Copenhaver asked about state police issues in town? Mayor Crain stated nothing has been happening. Councilmember Copenhaver will have something at the next council meeting but will talk to each councilmember before next meeting.

Councilmember Randles stated the carnival people didn't take good care of the living area they used at the City Park this year and Republic didn't dump the trash as much as needed during the 8 day celebration.

Mayor Crain said that Joink internet has approached him about bringing fiber internet to Covington, they are requesting a utility easement on the old jail lot for a concrete pad at 3rd and Union St on the 3rd street side. Mayor Crain feels we should grant them this easement to bring another option for internet into Covington. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve the easement Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned



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Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Smith

Councilmember Martin made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 3-0

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented a waste water adjustment for Alice Stonebraker Mayor Crain made the motion to allow adjustment Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned

Brad Crain

Mayor

Linda Knecht

Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

July 21, 2025

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Smith

Councilmember Martin made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion passed 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented board with a waste water adjustment request from Two Roads Wellness Clinic the request was denied 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned

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