

Budget Hearing
Covington City Building
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

September 15, 2025

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Copenhaver, Martin, Easter, Randles

Absent: Councilmember Smith, Attorney Powell

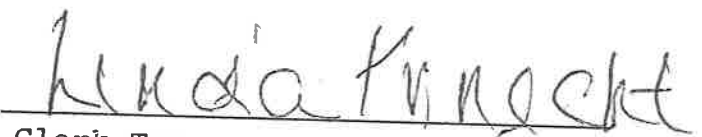
Present from the public: Margo Lewis, Nancy Wallace, Marlea Crain, Val Beirl, Bob Kemp

No one was present from the public to question the 2026 Budget.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

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Minutes from September 2, 2025 Council and Board of Works meetings were approved.

Bob Kemp Covington Little League President was present to ask about the fees being charged to Little League for tournaments and wants copies of any ordinances that may have changed fees for the tournaments. He handed out 2026 Little league tournament schedules to be held at the City Park May 2 & 3, May 16 & 17, June 20 & June 21, July 11 & 12. A long discussion was held by the Council and Councilmember Copenhaver would like a copy of the Ordinances and Council minutes about the park for clarification on who is responsible for each ball diamond and its upkeep. Bob Kemp stated the Little League is spending a lot of money on updating the baseball fields, fencing, bullpens, safety barriers and upgrades to concession stand. Bob asked who hired the painting of the boys concession stand and Mayor Crain stated he did not but had asked Marc Dewlen for an estimate to paint it. Mayor Crain will talk to Marc Dewlen and find out who told him to paint it and bill the Little League. Bob feels it's a City Building in the park and should be paid for by the City, and is asking that the City reimburse Little League for ½ of the cost. Councilmember Copenhaver stated she feels the Council needs clear boundaries on the responsibilities for the ball diamonds, soccer fields, etc. The council will vote on giving back ½ of the painting at a future meeting.

Val Bierl was present to ask about a fire hydrant being removed in her front yard at 1018 11th Street and wonders when it will be replaced. Mayor Crain will ask KC Smith about it tomorrow and see when it can be replaced.

Police Chief Foster was present with Ordinance 2025-7 for the restrictions on the Walking Trail as far as Motorized vehicles and they are strictly prohibited on the trail, this includes, ATV's, UTV's, motorcycles, golf carts. NO electric bicycles/scooters, mowers, and similar vehicles. A violation of this ordinance will result in a \$250.00 fine and the vehicle may be impounded at the owner's expense. In addition, the owner will be held liable for any damages caused by the vehicle while on the trail. Exemptions to this ordinance are for: Police, Fire, EMS Services,

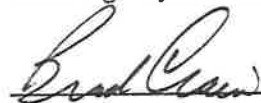
Groundkeeper performing regular trail maintenance. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to pass 2025-7 Martin 2nd Motion 4-0. The new ordinance will be posted on the City website www.covingtonin.net

Councilmember Randles stated we need to do something about the flowers that were planted with the DNR grant and if we can get rid of them. Mayor Crain will call the DNR tomorrow and find out what we can do and let Councilmember Randles know.

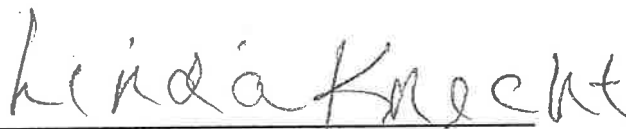
Justin Martin asked about the intersection at 5th and Liberty to get rid of some of the parking spots that you can't see around. Mayor Crain stated INDOT is looking into it.

Councilmember Copenhaver was contacted about power washing the brick wall on 4th street before the street festival and a lot of people are leaving trash cans out for weeks instead of putting them back by houses/garages once trash has been picked up. The ordinance pertaining to this will be posted on website and the City will start tagging doors for anyone in violation of this. The City signs entering Covington need attention as far as weeds trimmed and bushes cut back since they are overgrown Councilmember Randles will go tomorrow and check it out and try to remove them and see what needs to be done.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



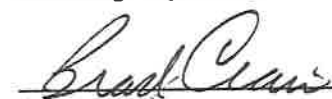
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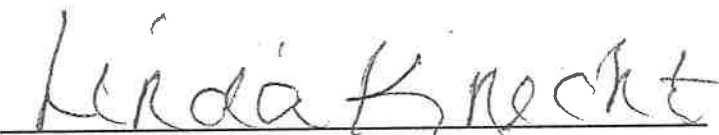
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Martin

Councilmember Martin made the motion to pay all claims Mayor Crain 2nd Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned



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Covington City Council

Special Meeting

329 Washington Street

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October 1, 2025

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Smith, Randles

Absent: Copenhaver, Easter, Attorney Powell

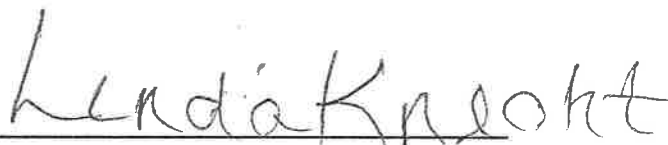
Present from the public: None

This meeting was called to open bids for a new building for MVH/Electric Department and the purchase of a new truck for the Waste Water Department. The Bid was open and Council talked about the purchase of a truck for Waste Water Department since there wasn't a quorum this was taken under advisement and will be voted on at the October 6, 2025. The bid was open by Mayor Crain for the construction of the new MVH/Electric shop the bid is from Offutt Development, Inc for \$814,000.00 a check was in enclosed for 5% of the construction and a list of construction that they have completed and a list of all sub-contractors that they use was enclosed. A short conversation was held on the 1 bid we received and wondered if it could be readvertised but Mayor Crain stated no one else put a bid in.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



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