

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932  
October 14, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

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

Present from the public: Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Bob Kemp, Judy Hegg, Kenneth Ohl, Clay Gerling, Greg Green, Art Langrish, Sylvia Cauley, Stacey Easter, Lidia Hansen, Candy Persinger, Eric & Michelle Drummond, Grayson Vedder, Allen & Amanda Strawser, Alise Bird, Chuck Robinson, Bert Roof, Jr., Noah Townsend.

Minutes from October 6, 2025 Council meeting and Board of Works and Budget Adoption were approved. Councilmember Smith wants that Councilmember Randles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion on 2025-7 that no action was taken on until the October 14, 25 Council meeting and that Chad Bolser was present at meeting as the new Councilmember.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2025-10 replacing 2025-7 on allowing Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles on the Circle Trail. Councilmember Easter made the motion to accept 2025-10 Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilmember Copenhaver stated she is opposed to electric bikes on the trail and isn't going to vote for it and voiced her concern about having them on the trail. Motion carried 4-1.

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Mayor Crain introduced ordinance 2025-11 replacing ordinance 2017-1 this was read for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and will be voted on November 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. A discussion was held on this ordinance Councilmember Randles thinks the fees should not be charged because he feels that the charges are in excess of what a tournament uses while having a tournament at the City Park. Councilmember Randles would like to have this ordinance amended before the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting reducing the cost for tournaments or doing away with them all together. Councilmember Randles stated the baseball league has paid in excess of 6,000.00 since 2017 to present for tournament fees. Councilmember Bolser was in agreement with Councilmember Randles. Bob Kemp stated the minutes were incorrect where the \$25.00 went into effect. Bob Kemp stated the little league is spending a lot of money on updating the fields and the money received from tournaments is what they use. A question was brought up on where the tournament fees goes, Mayor Crain stated the city puts the money into Park & Rec Non-Reverting and uses the money for park updates. Mayor Crain said the City paid \$35,000.00 on the new bathrooms between the girls & boys fields, new roof for large pavilion and other park

improvements. Noah Townsend stated the tax payers are the ones that pay for all of the things at the City Park as it is "our" park. Councilmember Copenhaver doesn't feel that the fee being charged for tournaments is unreasonable and feels monies should go to the City and be used for upkeep of the park. Bob Kemp stated the entire Concession stand was repainted this year and the little league wasn't notified and then received the bill for it and paid the entire amount, the little league would like to be reimbursed for the money spent on painting of concession stand. Bob Kemp asked who gave permission to paint the concession stand with a long conversation on this issue. The Council was in agreement to allow the Boys Little League to have the tournaments next year with the dates presented at the September 15, 25 meeting. Councilmember Smith would like the fee to go back to the original \$100.00 fee per tournament. Councilmember Randles stated we shouldn't charge since we don't charge the 5K's either. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to pay back Covington Little League for the painting of the concession stand Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried. 5-0, a check will be issued when the Little League brings the Clerk-Treasurer a copy of the bill that Little League paid.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

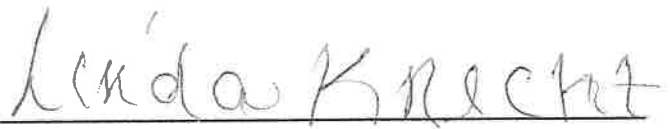
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Smith and new appointment Councilmember Easter

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



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October 28, 2025

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Copenhaver, Bolser, Easter, Smith, Randles

Absent: Attorney Powell

Present from public: Gene Fye, Tyler Roark, Shannon Foster, Scot Brewer

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2025-12 Salary Ordinance for 2026. A discussion was held on this ordinance and Councilmember Randles asked about evaluations and doesn't believe in across the board raises. He feels every department needs to have input into what they feel the raises should be. Mayor Crain stated the raises are between 2.5 and 3%. Councilmember Smith asked about Fire pay and Mayor Crain stated the Fire Department pay was raised in 2025. Councilmember Randles asked why we can't pay Gene and Tyler around the amount other towns pay the lineman. Councilmember Bolser had comparison off Gateway for Rockville and Veedersburg lineman and the Covington pay is behind. Gene Fye stated he would be fine with his amount of pay if the city would hire an Electric Superintendent. Councilmember Copenhaver stated Gene has been offered Superintendent job but has turned it down. Councilmember Smith feels the Fire department should be raised but the 2026 Budget is already approved. Councilmember Smith feels the Park Superintendent needs to be raised Councilmember Randles stated he would like to have help in the park next year. Councilmember Randles made the motion to approve 2025-12 Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-13 was presented for Elected officials salaries Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-14 for percentages for pay to come out of Funds Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting Adjourned,



Mayor



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