

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
November 3, 2025
6:00 p.m.

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

Present from the public: Carol Owens, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Bob Kemp, Chuck Robinson, Elise Bird, Dean Perkins, Marlea Crain, Bert Roof

Minutes from the October 14, 2025 Council meeting and Board of Works and October 28, 2025 Special Council meeting were approved.

Mayor Crain gave the Council a document from Egis for preliminary engineering report for Water line improvements within the City. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve Councilmember Easter 2nd Councilmember Copenhaver had questions on this project and Mayor Crain stated this project will take a lot of time but we need to get the engineering started the city will pay Egis BLN USA, Inc. monthly based upon percent completed on lump sum basis of 28,200.00. Motion carried 5-0.

A Proposal from WTH Technology, Inc. was presented by Mayor Crain for GIS Data Conversion Client Support this will be done off City maps and making it digital. Supt. KC Smith stated he is in favor of this as it is on the laptop and updated by them so we know where the lines are and it will be on Beacon also to locate valves, meters, lines, etc. for \$7,650. For GIS Data Conversion for Sewer lines at this time. The conversation was brought up about Storm Sewers possibly in the future. Councilmember Copenhaver made motion to do sanitary sewer at this time Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented the Council with an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between INDOT and The City of Covington. Mayor Crain explained what the letter they sent meant. The contractor was hired by the Community Foundation and Roger Azar was the Engineer on the project. We need to sign the agreement so the State can get paid for the contractor work. INDOT will pay the City and we will turn the payment to Roger Azar as the job has already been completed this is just a state formality. Councilmember Smith made the motion to sign the agreement Councilmember Easter 2nd motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2025-11 replacing 2017-1 Park Policies, 3 different policies were presented with the motion being made on charging any outside baseball, softball, soccer tournament that charge teams a fee will pay a \$100.00 fee for using the diamonds to host

tournament. Mayor Crain feels that each league should pay \$100.00 for each tournament. Councilmember Randles stated he feels no fees should be charged to a non-profit such as youth sports at the City Park. Councilmember Easter feels that since they are charging out of town teams to play in tournaments they can pay the city \$100.00 for each tournament. A long discussion was held on each of the ordinances that were presented. Councilmember Copenhaver feels there needs to be a charge for accountability since Little League pays kids to clean up trash after games. Bob Kemp feels the fees need to be dropped as these tournaments are fund raisers for the league to maintain and buy new equipment for the players. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve the ordinance with the \$100.00 fee for each tournament Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 3-2. Councilmember Bolser and Randles voted NO. The Policy does state that the tournaments need to be approved by the City Council before they can be held and that a financial report must be turned in yearly to the Council for each league using the park facilities.

Bob Kemp stated the Girls Softball tournaments will be April 25-26, May 30-31, June 13-14. Councilmember Copenhaver made motion to allow these tournaments Councilmember Bolser 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Garth Kagels stated the training facility has been installed and they will start holding classes this next weekend, a lot of training will be going on at this facility. Public notice there will be a lot of smoke coming into the city from this training this weekend. Garth is very excited and thankful for this new facility and feels it will be a great asset to the local fire departments. Garth invited the public and Council to come check out the facility.

Bert Roof asked about the trail with electric bikes and asked if 3wheel electric bikes are allowed on the trail the council said yes as long as it's a class 1 or 2.

Dean Perkins was present about the stray cats in Covington the Council acknowledges it is a problem but all we can do is the Paw's and Claw's contract that the city signed.

Supt. Greg Myers getting prepared for winter and the city had a pump fail this weekend and FJF came and pulled it and will see if it needs to be replaced.

Supt. KC Smith stated the leaf vac will run until the leaves are frozen to the ground and the city park has been winterized.

Mayor Crain stated Gene Fye is a Journeyman lineman and the city has all documentation in his employee file and verified by IMEA Duane Richardson

Council Reports: None

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain

Mayor

Linda Knecht

Clerk-Treasurer

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Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Easter, Smith

Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims Mayor Crain 2nd motion carried 3-0
Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented a waste water adjustment Mayor Crain made the motion to
approve the adjustment Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned

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