

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932  
March 2, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

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

Present from the Public: Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Carol Owens, Mike Kleinpeter, Drew Wilson, Jennifer Wright, Christi Byerly, Raquel Stultz, Jayne Darby, Marcia Gill, Cyndi Dazey, Roger & Sheri Smith, Charlotte Fogleman, Bobby Bass, Todd Byerly, Gene Fye, Tyler Roarks, Candy Persinger, Bob & Lynn Stein, Tracy Acord, Reese Bodine, Adam Pratt, Rhyanon Kight, Amy & Chuck Thompson, Roy & Sheri Riggs, Katherine Powell, Hillary Wright, Ashley Deylder, Michelle Houmes, Ethen Wise.

Minutes from the February 2, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works and February 17, 2026 Board of Works and February 26, 2026 Bid Opening for Community Crossings.

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Mayor Crain read a Proclamation reading as follows:

Colton Wright Day

January 30<sup>th</sup>

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Bradley D Crain, Mayor of the City of Covington, Indiana, do hereby proclaim January 30<sup>th</sup> as Colton Wright Day in the City of Covington and encourage all residents to honor and remember that January 30, 2026 as the day Justice for Colton was served.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Covington to be affixed.

Bradley D Crain.

Mayor Crain Thanked everyone in attendance for all the support for Amy and her family.

Amy Thompson Thanked the Covington community for all the support and love they have received over the last four years and Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation for Colton.

The Fourth of July Queen court was in attendance to ask permission to use the park and a shelter by the soccer field for an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. The City Council was all in agreement to allow the easter egg hunt.

Jayne Darby was present to make sure the pool shade gazebo purchased by Coffeenians and Tri Kappa will be installed by May 2026 or before the pool opens for the season. Mayor Crain said the City departments will get this done before April.

Mike Kleinpeter grant writer for the Ocra Grant was present and stated this is the first public hearing for the project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing in April with award announcement in August. The grant available is 750,000.00 with the City contributing 300,000.00. Drew Wison an engineer from Egis provided a map of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the area that the grant will be applied to for updating the infrastructure. Public comment was open Councilmember Randles asked if it was only 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Drew stated it would be. The focus will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and what the bids come in as to how much we will be able to do. All current water lines in this area will be abandoned in place. The City has experienced breaks on 2<sup>nd</sup> street in last few weeks and the reason 2<sup>nd</sup> street was chosen for work on is the lines are very old. This project will include water lines, fire hydrants (500 Ft. apart), isolation valves, service lines from main to meters, and 6' water main will be installed. The Ocra grant can be applied for every 5 years for funding, and grant money will be needed to get more water line work done.

Mayor Crain introduced City of Covington Statement of Community Priority and Five Year Maintenance Commitment Councilmember Smith asked Supt KC Smith if we have maps with ages of water lines all over Covington KC told them we have maps but not sure it has when the lines were installed. Council was all in agreement with the Statement of Community Priority with Councilmember Copenhaver abstaining due to working for the Lieutenant Governor and it would be a conflict.

Resolution 2026-2 Resolution of the City of Covington, IN, authorizing the submittal of the WDW application to the Indiana office of community and rural affairs and addressing related matters. Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 2026-4 Amending 2002-1 Updating the Fair housing ordinance. Councilmember Smith made the motion Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Supt Myers wanted to let the council know he will be receiving another bid on the work to be done in the lab and should have it for April council meeting.

Fire Chief Kagels turned in his run totals for 2025 for a total of 235 calls and stated 60% of the fire calls are medical but if no one is on staff they don't respond these are only recorded calls they go to.

Councilmember Smith asked about the medical call time and from Veedersburg it is 8 minutes the fire department just responds and doesn't transport. The need for an ambulance in Covington is becoming necessary and Mayor Crain has been requesting this from the County for several years. There will be a live Fire burn March 6,7,8 so residents can be aware and it's on the Fire Department Facebook page only wood and straw will be burnt, the water may be stirred up for a short time.

Council reports:

Councilmember Easter asked what will happen where the Herb House was? Mayor Crain stated Sliders own it and he hasn't heard anything.

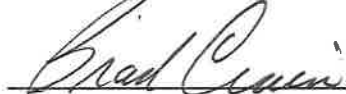
Councilmember Smith asked about the Paws and Claws contracts and talks with Ace Veterinary about cat control in Covington and Mayor Crain stated he has one more person to talk that might be interested in cat control but really doesn't feel it's a City problem, people need to be responsible for their animals and take care of them and no one should be dumping cats in Covington.

Councilmember Randles asked about new flags at the City Park and has talked to Jeremy Claypool at the VFW about getting new flags, these flags will need lights since they won't be taken down every night and asked if the City can install lights to shine on the flags at all times. A youth group from the Baptist church will be picking up leaves and trash next week at the City Park as a community project.

Community Crossing bids were received last week and it was awarded to Milestone with the lowest bid. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve and Councilmember Randles 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 5-0.

Bob Stein stated the American Legion could also donate flags, if the VFW isn't able to.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Copenhaver

Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion carried 3-0

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer