

Covington City Council
329 Wasington Street
Covington IN 47932
March 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Copenhaver, Bolser, Smith, Randles

Absent: Councilmember Easter, Attorney Powell

Present from the public: Margo Lewis, Marlea Crain, Karen Slider

Minutes from the March 2, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Karen Slider from Church of the Nazarene was present asking permission to use the park on Saturday August 15, 2026 for a fund raiser by hosting a craft fair. The Council was all in agreement to allow this by the cabin and soccer field. Councilmember Randles said it might cause a problem if there are campers at that time, Karen stated they are in favor of using any other part of the park that would allow the vendors to set up. Councilmember Randles will stay in contact with Karen on where to set up as the time draws closer.

Mayor Crain gave the council a quote for a generator for the new Electric/Street Garage from Ricketts Electric for \$ 12,900.00 it is a Generac 22kw automatic standby generator with 2 Generac automatic transfer switches. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve the purchase Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

A quote was received from Tom Krepton for all the work that needs to be done at the Waste Water Treatment lab \$21,650.00 including the cabinets that will be purchased by the City. A quote from Sentry Roofing 14,560.00 for a new roof on the lab facility the building is 50 years old. Supt Myers is in agreement with all the changes that will be made. The Council would like to have Sentry Roofing come back and see if there is insulation that needs to be removed before a new roof is installed. Councilmember Smith made the motion to move forward with all the improvements and roof for the lab Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

A quote from Grubb Implement for a new Kubota Skid steer \$59,810.00 with the trade in of our current 2018 Bobcat with a lot of hours on it. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase the Kubota Councilmember Bolser 2nd motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Smith asked about the property at 8th & Jefferson and is wanting something done. A conversation was held on how bad the property is and Mayor Crain will look into it. Councilmember Randles said the tractor is sitting in the park because it's not running right now and Grubb Implement will be picking it up and find out what is wrong with it. Newton Oil will be

filling the tank this week at the Park. Councilmember Randles will get a youth group together to start cleaning up the park before opening once the weather clears up.

Supt. KC Smith stated hydrants will be flushed April 15th you will experience dirty water for a short period.

Supt Myers asked about Marc Dewlen painting the well Mayor Crain stated he is just waiting for better weather and will get it done. IDEM did a sanitary inspection last July and they will come back to make sure the 6 deficiencies that they found are taken care of. Supt Myers has to report back to IDEM in the next 15 days.

Water Tower inspection will be April 30th , Back flow will be tested this Thursday by B&R from Crawfordsville.

Fire Chief Kagels gave the council information on a tanker truck the fire department has found a 2007 International Seagrave Tanker and is under 10 foot tall and will fit in the fire station. This is a very well taken care of tanker and the price they are asking \$279,000.00 this will be available 3rd Quarter of 2026. This is a 3,000 gallon tanker they have looked at newer ones but the prices are 300,000.00-400,000.00.

Mayor Crain would like someone to go look at the tanker Garth stated it has a 7 day return on it if the department doesn't like it. Garth said they have video of the tanker and feels the price is negotiable. Troy Township will put 100,000.00 towards the purchase. Garth asked the council if anyone had questions and would like a commitment on moving forward with this purchase. They want to replace the 1996 tanker and will sell it after it's appraised. Councilmembers asked questions and held a conversation on the purchase. Mayor Crain is concerned with the truck being 20 years old in 2027 Garth stated we could re- chassis this truck. All of the Fire department vehicles are older. Mayor Crain would like the hours and mileage on our current tanker. The Council wants Garth to see what they would take for this tanker and also look into a newer tanker but Garth explained it will be a lot higher in price. The Council was all in agreement to go ahead and pursue this truck and a final decision will come in August on the tanker.

Meeting Adjourned.

Brad Crain

Mayor

Linda Knecht

Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Copenhaver

Absent: Councilmember Easter

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

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht asked to transfer 100,000.00 from Wastewater Utility Construction in progress Fund to Wastewater Depreciation fund for Wastewater building improvements. Mayor Crain made the motion to transfer the funds Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 2-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented 2 wastewater adjustments for approval Mayor Crain made the motion to approve the adjustments Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned

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