

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

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

Present from the public: Margo Lewis, Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Carol Owens, Keith Asbury, Brett Burchett, Larry & Sally Kammin, Candy Persinger, Tiffany Wells, Jonathan & Jenayah Gremore, Tammy Nickle, Todd Hegg,

Minutes from March 16, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain asked if all Councilmembers and City Attorney had received the TIF annual report that has to be acknowledged at this meeting in order to file TIF report into Gateway. All members stated they have received the TIF report.

Supt KC Smith announced the City will be flushing hydrants April 15, 2026 and the City will start working on pot holes as soon as they are making asphalt.

Supt Myers stated the City is still under a boil order until Tuesday April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. He is looking into a way for the City to be able to test the water so we don't have to wait for the testing facility to be open.

Fire Chief Kagels said they are starting a new recruit class for the fire department and are still in need of volunteers. The truck that was discussed at last meeting is on hold right now. Bart Crowder gave the council a quarterly report for the fire department and then put in a few requests for the new fire training facility and some things that they need. Mayor Crain would like to look at the area and decide at a future meeting. Chief Kagels also stated the Fire Department will have a controlled burn at the new facility on Sunday April 12th.

Police Chief Foster presented 3 quotes for updating rifles for his department, right now they have 4 different rifles and all need to have the same rifles. The car computers in the Police

computers are the lifeline for the Police officers in their cars. The Tasers are 15 years old and are being discontinued so they need to be replaced.

Councilmember Copenhaver asked if in the future we could rotate things out each year so we don't get hit so hard at one time with everything needed at once. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase the rifles (6) from Ray O'Herron for \$5,310.00 and Illiana Firearms

will outfit them for 10,020.00 Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Smith made the motion to purchase the computers (6) for the Police cars from Keller PC for 23,971.23 Councilmember Bolser 2nd Motion carried 4-0. The Council decided to put the tasers on hold for now and will revisit this at a future meeting.

Brett Burchett was present to ask if the lots on the golf course will be annexed into the City Brett lives on Club House drive on the Golf Course and Mayor Crain stated those will not be annexed into the City the lots behind the cemetery for the new addition will be annexed into the City. Tiffany Wells and Jonathan & Jenayah Gremore were present to ask about the acres Mayor Crain purchased for development and they don't want their property annexed into the city either and Mayor Crain stated they will not be annexed and don't know where this information is coming from. Tiffany Wells would also like to be updated by Mayor Crain as to what will be going on the property when it sells.

Carol Owens asked about the OSF project that was coming to town and Mayor Crain stated they have changed hands but we still want them to come to Covington she also asked if the new subdivision behind cemetery will be TIF, Mayor Crain said he wasn't sure at this time.

Larry and Sally Kammin wanted clarification on what happened Friday with the water being shut off Mayor Crain explained it was Joink fiber optic that hit the water main. Sally asked if the water lines were marked and Supt. KC Smith stated they were but not to the depth of the lines. Sally asked why the city was totally shut off and Supt. KC Smith stated they had to because we were losing too much water and everything was flooding in the area they needed to work on and didn't know where the shut off valves were in that area. Sally asked why the City had to issue a boil order and Supt Myers stated anytime the pressure goes below 0 you have to issue a boil order per State mandate and we will get results Tuesday and the order will be lifted. You can find out information on boil order at www.covingtonin.net

Jessica Anderson from Anderson Family Farms was present to explain what she would like to do to enhance the middle of the City park where the plants that have been discussed in prior meetings need to be removed. The document outlines scalable options for improving and planting the existing park garden beds. The goal is to create a welcoming, visually appealing space that enhances community use of the park. Jessica stated this is a project she would do at no charge, she will start April 27th for Earth Day. The Council was all in agreement that this needs to be done because there has been several complaints on the area as it is now.

Bert Roof from 404 Lewis Lane was present to ask how to get a waste water adjustment on a bill for a leak he also had pictures for the council on how Lewis Lane floods. The Council informed

Mr. Roof he needs to write a letter for a waste water adjustment and take it to the City building to present to the board of works at the next meeting.

Keith Asbury asked about the basketball courts at the City park they are very dangerous because the water stands on it and becomes very slick. There was a discussion on what could be done and he asked about the volleyball courts and the road around it. Keith Asbury asked why these things are not being done and who made the decision to not finish the projects at the park. Todd Hegg feels it needs to have sanded sealer put on the courts to eliminate the slickness. Mayor Crain said he will talk to Santiago about what needs to be done since he is the one who poured the courts originally.

Councilmember Copenhaver asked about getting sidewalks fixed in the City, she would like to meet with the council about what we need to do to get this started. She feels a plan needs to be in place to get the sidewalks fixed. Councilmember Copenhaver stated she will look into a grant to cover some of the cost. Councilmember Copenhaver asked about the roof at waste water treatment plant and Mayor Crain said Sentry Roofing, Inc. will replace the roof starting next week.

Councilmember Smith reminded everyone City cleanup April 11th and everyone can put their stuff at curb this week.

Councilmember Randles stated as Park Caretaker he has mowed most of the park and would like to get something done with the cabin at the City Park it needs a lot of work.

Councilmember Randles has a group coming to work in the park to pick up sticks and leaves.

Mayor Crain stated the city would like to hire Pool Manager Rhyanon Kight and Lucy Howard as Assistant Pool manager for the 2026 Season. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Copenhaver

Absent: Councilmember Easter

Mayor Crain made the motion to pay all claims Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 2-0. Clerk-Treasurer Knecht asked to transfer \$50,000.00 from Water Operating to Water Depreciation and \$20,000.00 from Electric operating to Electric Depreciation for payment for the new City garage. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to allow the transfers Mayor Crain 2nd Motion carried 2-0.

Mayor Crain presented a quote from Rahm Tech to redo all computer networking at the City Building for 17,006.38 Mayor Crain made the motion to approve Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

April 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Crain.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Easter and Copenhaver.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bowling presented two wastewater adjustments for Bert Roof and Angela Hill-Grubaugh. Mayor Crain made a motion to approve the adjustments, seconded by Councilmember Easter. Motion carried 3-0.

A billing adjustment for Tammy Nickle was presented for damage to equipment during a sewer backup. Mayor Crain made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Easter. Motion carried 3-0.

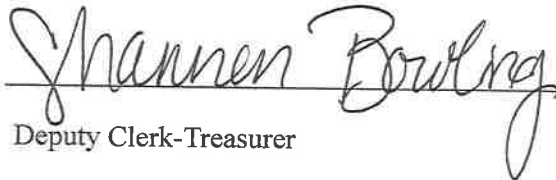
An additional adjustment for an overcharge in trash service to BT Service Company was also presented. Mayor Crain made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Easter. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Crain made a motion to pay all claims, seconded by Councilmember Easter. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk-Treasurer