

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
May 4, 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 Ownes, Henry Schmitt, Bob Kemp, Karen Gee, Eric Crowder, Mike Kleinpeter, Keith Asbury, Terry Martin, Mariah Greene, Jerry Pope, Tammy & Brent Walters, Elise Bird, Melissa Holley, Marty Acord, Butch Scott, Drew Wilson

Minutes from April 6, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works and April 20, 2026 Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain announced the 2nd hearing on the OCRA grant a 750,000.00 grant with a match of 300,000.00 from the City the application has to complete by June 5th. Drew Wilson talked about the project and the 1,050,000.00 grant on 2nd street due to the aging water lines between Jefferson and Union Street for 1400 feet of line replacement. Mike Kleinpeter said the proposal looks good but need to receive letters from the residents on 2nd that have been affected by water issues on 2nd street. No questions or comments from the public.

Fire Chief Kagels has 2 new fireman that have finished up training and will join the fire department. The training at the new facility a few weeks ago went really well and the Fire department is very happy with the new facility and it's being used by a lot of different fire departments for training.

Henry Schmitt from the Covington Celebration Group would like to have Police presence at the park during the celebration. Chief Foster said he will do his best with the department but if they get a call the officer on duty will take those before patrolling the celebration at the park if the group wants an officer on duty every night they would have to pay them at the OT rate they receive. Henry stated the celebration will be 6 days this year June 29-July 4. He told the council of all the entertainment that will take place and the celebration will be much larger this year since it's the 250th year celebration with more giveaways every evening and much bigger fireworks on the 4th of July. The parade will be July 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Kemp was present to ask about the electric at the Little League diamond that they had issues with all weekend at the tournament. Gene Fye was present to explain what had

happened and that it is being taken care of. He also questioned why the PA system wires were taken down Gene Fye said they were told to remove that pole the wires were connected to, the little league would like grass seed on the ground where the underground was dug Mayor Crain stated the city will look into this and get grass seed planted.

Brent and Tammy Walters asked about the drainage at 12th and Washington they stated this has been an ongoing issue for several years and when it rains their sewer will not drain they need to find out whose down spouts are tied into the sewer. Supt. KC Smith and Mayor Crain will look into this and try and find out what is going on. Brent feels a lift station needs to be put in to pump the water to the river.

Carol Owens wanted to thank everyone who participated at the Fair Grounds Saturday for the Celebration it was really nice and attendance was really good.

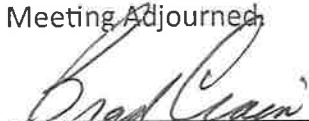
Councilmember Easter read a Thank you from Coffeenians and Tri Kappa for the Pool shade pavilion that the city employees installed at the pool.

Councilmember Randles asked about the patching at 3rd and Pearl due to the water main bust that happened a few weeks ago by Joink Fiber Optic crews? Mayor Crain and Supt KC Smith stated it's the States responsibility to fix and Mayor Crain stated the whole intersection needs to be replaced.

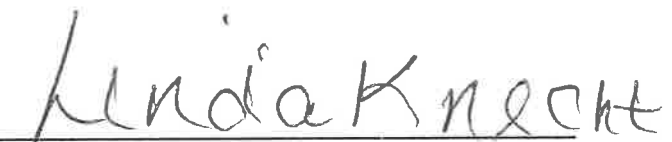
Keith Asbury asked about Gateway and why the Mayor salary is listed wrong and he was told it's not only his salary but the whole Mayor Budget the salary is just one line item in that amount. A discussion was held about it and it was answered. He asked why Brandon Ricketts is hired by the city to do the electric work at the park and city employees don't do it, Gene Fye and Mayor Crain answered his questions.

Mayor Crain announced Pool wages for 2026 Pool Manager \$5250.00, Asst Manager 12.00 hr., Lifeguards 11.00 hr. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to approve the new wages Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Copenhaver, Easter

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

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented 2 adjustments Councilmember Easter made the motion to allow the adjustments Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer

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May 18, 2026

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Easter

Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer