

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
June 1, 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, Keith Asbury, Greg Clingan, Marty Acord, Brian Chumley, Tony Hicks, Jeff & Wanda Miller, Troy & Jennifer Alexander, Dawn & Mark Bushue, Alex & Jennifer Esparza, Larry Schrock, Jon Schrock, Trudie Dillon, Sandee Frey, Stephanie Bennett, Natalie Rice, Tammy Bruno, Sunnie Roof, Candy Persinger, Dane Maltsberger, Soctt Powell, Phil & Angela Wilson, Ken Gentrup, Jake Kasper, Matt Harless, Terry Martin, Tom Land.

Minutes from May 4, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works and May 18, 2026 Board of Works were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-5 No Parking in front of the Clerk's Building on 4th street 2 spots, Chief Foster would like no parking from Jefferson to Harrison on 4th Street. Councilmember Easter made the motion no Parking on east side Harrison to Jefferson on 4th Street Councilmember Bolser 2nd this ordinance has been tabled until a future meeting.

Trudie Dillion was present from DAR she thanked Mayor Crain, the City Council, and all the utility workers who help with the banners every year Trudie won an award for the most banners hung. There will be 57 banners hung this November. She expressed her gratitude for everything. The Council Thanked Trudie for all the hard work she puts in on this project it is very much appreciated.

Annexation for Rivercrest subdivision was talked about by Sandee Frey she has been a tenant for 6 years they were told they have to have 3 or 4 more fire hydrants to be considered incorporated into the City but she didn't say who stated this. Fire Hydrants will be installed as soon as they have been ordered and received the ones that were ordered were used in town for hydrants that were broken and or leaking. There are 40 homes and only 2 hydrants in the subdivision now. Several of the property owners stated they now want street lights and

sidewalks that they were told they would get by signing off on the annexation. Wanda Miller spoke up and stated in the annexation meetings that she attended that street lights and sidewalks were never promised. A long conversation was held on this matter by residents and the council.

Larry Schrock and Jon Schrock questioned the Council on the annexation of area around and including the Mt. Hope Cemetery? Mayor Crain answered the questions and stated that the City council received a petition for annexation into the City of Covington and Waiver of Remonstrance thereto. Jennifer Alexander asked who petitioned it to be annexed into the City of Covington? Mayor Crain answered Jennifer's question about the petition. Several questions were asked and debated about the Petition for annexation with the City Attorney telling everyone this has just been filed and the City will have to have a hearing on the area, this is just the 1st step in the process. Jennifer Exparza who lives on Stringtown road is very concerned about Dixie Bee Road being the main access into the new housing subdivision it is a very dangerous intersection. Mayor Crain stated that no Roads will be put into Rivercrest Golf course for access. Stephanie Bennett asked several questions about City Taxes, Jeff Clark paying for everything when developing his subdivision, with more traffic in Covington more Stop lights and a 4 way Stop sign near entrance of subdivision off River Road and the corner of 3rd and Liberty due to being unsafe. Troy Jennifer Alexander asked a lot of questions about the annexation process, and feel there needs to be more clarity/transparency on the project along with financial information. The Mayor stated the Annexation petition will be available on the City website along with the date of the next meeting www.covingtonin.net Dane Maltsberger, Jon Schrock questioned the Mayor and Council several times about negotiating the price on Stringtown Road, and why they want this all annexed into the City. What is the plan for all the land on Stringtown Road they want annexed into the City? What is the benefit of the cemetery being annexed into the City limits? A long conversation was held about the whole area by council and those in attendance. Is there a development plan on file with the City has it been engineered? Jon Schrock asked where Longview Bank is going to go on Stringtown Road and Mayor Crain stated he is unsure. Councilmember Randles asked if the engineering has been done on the new subdivision and Mayor Crain stated it's being worked on. ...Councilmember Randles asked about a date the annexation will be discussed Mayor Crain stated it will be advertised Friday June 5th and the Council will have a meeting within 30 days. Councilmember Copenhaver stated the Council will take the appropriate steps to make sure the correct steps are taken into consideration and what is in the best interest of the City. Attorney Powell explained what is going to be done and ended it with that. Jennifer Alexander would like a plan on how the City is going to handle new water and wastewater lines in the City and does the City have a comprehensive plan for the City. Lisa Fudge stated she is so proud of this town and knows so many people that want to get out of Illinois and live in Covington. The more people that live here and pay city taxes the more tax revenue that effects our school systems and City Government. Dane Maltsberger asked about the Ratcliff subdivision and why the City would want it and not allow the County to have it?

Supt Myers stated the new roof is being put on tomorrow at the Wastewater treatment plant and that the City Pool is open and everything is going well.

Chief Foster stated Tony Dimmitt resigned as a Police Officer and stated Zane Dillon is interested in working for the City Police department he works for Attica Police Department and has been through the Police Academy he won't be able to start until July and Chief Foster thinks he would be a great fit for his department. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to hire Zane Dillon Councilmember Bolser Motion 2nd motion carried 5-0. Chief Foster asked about the (6) tasers for \$24,600 new with a 5 year warranty Mayor Crain stated he feels we need to purchase the 6 tasers Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to purchase Councilmember Smith 2nd motion carried 5-0.

Matt Harless was present from Fountain County Healthcare Access Coalition LAUNCH stating they will have their first meeting Tuesday June 30 at noon at the First Baptist Church Crew Building. They will offer meetings in Covington, Veedersburg, Attica to talk about Health care in our area.

Councilmember Randles:

A new flag was installed at the park by the Electric Department Thank you

Gate has been fixed on the SW corner of the soccer field Randy gave Clerk-Treasurer Knecht the bill

A Quote to finish the railing around the stage was received from Barry Lyons for 26,506.00 and it would be installed by the 4th of July Councilmember Smith made the motion to go ahead with the railing Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Pavilions need attention as far as siding and paint Mayor Crain and Councilmember Easter will look into what can be done.

Parking spots need rock put in near pickle ball courts.

Councilmember Smith:

Stated he has received a lot of complaints on yards/property not being mowed or taken care of and said this is the most complaints he has received since being on the Council. People in town need to take care of their property or he is going to give a list of names and addresses to be sent letters.

Councilmember Copenhaver:

Paula would like a sidewalk replacement program added to Covington. She has a copy of the City of Attica where the City would pay ½ and the property owner would pay half. It will be a first come first basis. This will be tabled until another meeting.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



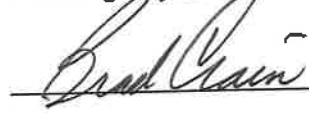
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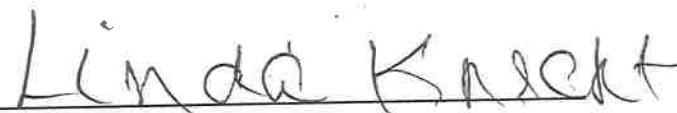
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Copenhaver, Easter

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

June 15, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Easter

Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver

Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims Mayor Crain 2nd Motion Carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer