

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
August 3, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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

Present from the public: Marlea Crain, Nancy Wallace, Carol Ownes, Keith Asbury, Terry Martin, Henry Schmitt, Bert Roof, Stan Hardy Linda Reynolds, Kenneth Ohl, Sally Friedrich, Yvonne Clem, Alex & Jennifer Esparza, Larry Schrock, Michael Merryman

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

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-5 No Parking on the east side of Fourth Street from Jefferson Street to Harrison Street. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Stan Hardy was present to discuss his farm equipment being damaged due to low hanging limbs in town that need to come down, he would like to see if the City crews could trim all the limbs that hang low so all farm equipment can pass through. He also suggested trash cans need to be put back into yards because they are all over the roads and can easily be hit, he feels all trees need to be cleared in all entrances into town for designated farm equipment with Liberty & Pearl Street being the areas of concern. Mayor Crain will talk to electric department and see what can be done.

Supt. KC Smith stated the City will be flushing hydrants on Aug. 19th. Supt Myers had IDEM inspection last week and all went well and really liked the improvements at the Waste Water treatment plant, all the cabinets are in and will be installed this week in the lab. The City Pool will close Sunday August 9th due to school starting.

Bart Crowder was present with the Fire Department to see about purchasing a new rescue truck and tanker there are 3 options on purchasing, Mayor Crain wants the department to get 2 quotes and look into local financing and putting 300,000.00 down. Troy Township trustee is willing to donate money towards the purchase of the tanker truck. The money will come out of Public Safety monies. Police Chief Foster introduced Zane Dillion the newest member of the Police Department. Nate Hennessey resigned so the police department is accepting applications for another officer. Chief Foster stated taser training has been completed on new tasers for all officers.

Councilmember Smith reported on unkept properties.

Councilmember Copenhaver brought up the sidewalk applications for sidewalk replacement program (See attached form attached to minutes) Councilmember

Copenhaver made the motion to pass the sidewalk replacement program, Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 4-1 Councilmember Randles voted against. Councilmember Copenhaver asked about where we are on the sidewalk to be replaced at Grubb Implement Mayor Crain is still looking for a contractor to

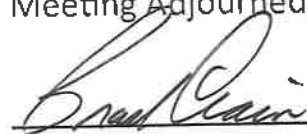
on Crockett Street as every time it rains the area is flooded. Mayor Crain stated we have had several companies look at this area with no solutions. When the rain comes down as hard as it has this summer no storm drains can keep up. Supt Smith stated he really doesn't know what can be done to solve this issue as the infrastructure is 60-70 years old in this area. Mayor Crain would like Supt. Smith to run the sewer jet into these effected areas to see if it helps at all.

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Mike Merryman was present from 301 Water Street about the situation on his property over the hill on Liberty and stated the water is almost in his crawl space and wondered if the City can take the high spot off Liberty Street to get rid of the problem Supt Smith asked about the alley or the street? Mike stated it was the street, Mayor Crain and Supt Smith will look at the area and figure out a solution.

Henry Schmitt from the Covington Celebration Group was present with his yearly report from the 4th of July Celebration, he Thanked all the City Departments for their support during the festival. Henry stated the Richard Goodall show brought in the biggest crowd that he has ever seen in 33 years. They did take a loss this year with the 4th of July being rained out and the carnival leaving town that night. The fireworks were well attended being on July 5th, but the extreme heat really hurt the carnival this year on ticket sales. Henry asked permission to have the Celebration at the City Park from June 29, 2027-July 4, 2027 and the council was all in agreement to allow. Councilmember Smith Thanked the Celebration Group for a great Celebration week.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Copenhaver, Easter

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

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented the Board of Works with 3 old debts for Utilities on deceased residents with no estates. Mayor Crain made the motion to approve for these accounts to be written off Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Copenhaver

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

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht stated we need to transfer \$50,000 from Electric Operating to Electric
Depreciation to purchase transformers. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion to
transfer Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Petition for Annexation Hearing
Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
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August 27, 2026

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

Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver, Attorney Powell

Present from the Public: Carol Owens, Judy Galloway, Yvonne Clem, Margo Lewis, Nancy
Wallace, Marlea Crain, Linda Reynolds, Ryan Ellmore, Emmett Reynolds, Jerry & Mary Martin,
Aaron Spolarich BB& C Law Firm, Sally Friedrich

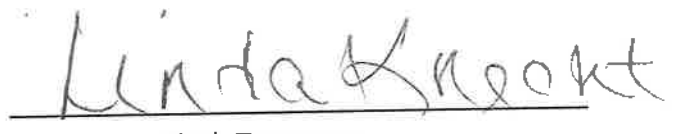
Mayor Crain stated this meeting is for the annexation hearing only the floor was open to anyone
that would like to speak. Sally Friedrich wanted it explained what all was included in the
annexation there will be 70 lots sold on the new subdivision. Seventy lots will be serviced by
the city. Carol Owens asked several questions about the zoning in that area. Linda Reynolds
asked about the Dixie Bee Road West and who will take care of the roads? Mayor Crain
explained the City and County will work together because the road is split one side city one side
county. Yvonne Clem asked if the city will hire more employees and will the fire and Police
coverage be enough when adding 70 new houses. Mayor Crain and the Council agreed this
won't happen overnight so no new employees will need to be added. Mayor Crain stated if the
city isn't allowed to grow it will be a bad thing for Covington. Sue Frederich stated she is
concerned that the infrastructure in town is bad and the city won't have time to fix current
problems with the new annexation. There were several conversations on can the electric lines
be buried in Covington, are there any plans to do this in the future.

The ordinance for the annexation will be voted on for adoption on September 14th at 6:00 p.m.
at a special city council meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer