

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
September 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Attorney Powell, Councilmember Copenhaver

Present from the public: Marlea Crain, Carol Owens, Ryan McBride, Sharon Williams, Jerry Martin

Minutes from August 3, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works, August 17, 26 Board of Works, August 27, 2026 Petition for Annexation Meeting were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-6 for 1st reading an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. The vote will be held on Monday September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-7 for approval that there shall be NO PARKING on the north side of Liberty Street (US Hwy 136) from 5th street and west 60 feet. Councilmember Randles made the motion to approve Councilmember Bolser 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Crain & Supt. KC Smith had a quote for a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD CC 4WD reg cab with 11'5" dump body hitch camera work truck for the Street Department for \$66,322.00 it will replace the 1999 Dump Truck. Councilmember Smith asked several questions about the truck making sure it was big enough for all the needs of the street department for a plow and spreader Supt Smith said this will be good truck. Councilmember Smith made the motion to purchase the truck from Hare Chevrolet Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Sharon Walters was present to ask why they made the no parking on 4th Street from Jefferson to Harrison in front of her house. Mayor Crain explained that too many cars are parking on both sides of the street making it very hard to get through that area. Sharon suggested there needs to be a 4 way stop at Harrison and 4th Street. A long conversation was held on this matter and the Mayor and Council will look into it to see what would best for this area.

Ryan McBride was present from the Covington youth soccer league he thanked the electric department for trimming trees near the soccer fields after all the storms this summer. Ryan has an issue with all the golf carts parking in the soccer field area while the games are going on and

after as he has witnessed many children almost being hit by them as they are pulling away from the fields. Ryan feels having the e-bikes, scooters, golfcarts, and side by sides in this area needs to be controlled somehow by either putting up bollards on the entrances to the trail near the soccer fields, and new fencing all around so the golf carts, side by sides can't enter the area with signage stating NO Golf Carts at all entrances to the fields. The Mayor and Council will look into what can be done and get back with Ryan.

Jerry Martin was present to thank the electric department for trimming the trees near his house in town after all the storm damage this summer. Supt KC Smith thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the purchase of the new truck for his department.

Fire Chief Kagels presented another quote for the Fire Department with the trustee donating 100,000 and the city putting in 200,00 they have lost the pricing that was presented at a past council meeting as no action was taken and the Federal Government changed the emissions on the 2027 chassis. After talking with the Mayor and Council it was agreed to forego the tanker truck and just purchase the 2027 Rescue truck and the city could pay for the rescue truck with no financing for \$308,000.00 Councilmember Easter made the motion to purchase the rescue truck Councilmember Bolster 2nd Motion carried 4-0. Garth stated the fire department has a full

roster and they have just finished up water rescue classes. Bart Crowder talked about the trail and the accidents on the e-bikes that the fire department is getting called for, Bart has been talking to Taylor Powel from the Covington Community Foundation about purchasing and putting mile markers on the trail so the fire department can locate the victims easier. The new bollards that are at the boat ramp are too hard to drive over because they are too tall and the fire department doesn't have the keys. The department is looking into doing more training on the trail and wondered who to notify. The mayor just told them to post it on social media when they will be using the trail for training so residents will be aware of what's going on.

Supt. Myers updated about the lab remodel it's about half way done.

Councilmember Bolser thanked Tyler and Gene for getting the electricity back on after the tree fell on Park Avenue during the last storm that went through town.

Mayor Crain talked about the grant from OCRA we have a contract from Kleinpeter Consulting Group and EGIS for only 13 meters and 1250 feet being included in the contract. Mayor Crain is going to talk with the consulting companies about the price they have quoted us but feels the fees are too expensive for the work that will be done. Mayor Crain will call tomorrow and get

back with the Council about his findings so the contract with Kleinpeter Consulting Group was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Easter

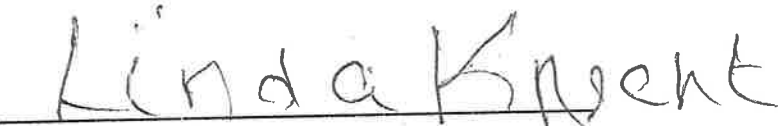
Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

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

Absent: Attorney Powell

Present from the Public: Carol Owens, Terry Martin, Marlea Crain, Aaron Spolarich

Mayor Crain told the Council that Supt. KC Smith has hired Zach Keller for the street and water department effective September 14, 2026 as a Class C employee.

Mayor Crain introduced Resolution 2026-3 Fiscal Plan and Definite Policy for Annexation

Councilmember Randles asked who the number 15 parcel will be Mayor Crain stated it will be

Longview Bank once the property is listed in the new owner name. Councilmember Bolser

asked about the other pad poured on the west side of stringtown road and Mayor Crain stated it

Councilmember Copenhaver

Mayor Crain had the 2nd reading and vote for Ordinance 2026-6 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City Of Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. Councilmember Smith asked questions about 2026-4 but it was never introduced so it isn't a concern. Mayor Crain said exhibit A was attached to the annexation hearing meeting. Exhibit B is the map. Councilmember Copenhaver wanted to look at Exhibit A and B and Mayor Crain presented each councilmember with a copy ,the Council had a long conversation on the annexation and all properties involved. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-6 Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion passed 5-0.

A Contract from Kleinpeter Consulting Group, LLC and Egis BLN USA, Inc. for services for the OCRA Grant was signed and agreed on by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Crain stated he felt it's very important to go ahead with signing these contracts and going on with the work for the grant money awarded. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion for Kleinpeter Consulting to do the grant work Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Smith made the motion to sign the contract with EGIS Councilmember Copenhaver 2nd Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht announced that her mother- in- law JoAnn Erwin passed away September 13, 2026 she had served as Clerk-Treasurer for 16 years 1984-2000, her service was very appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



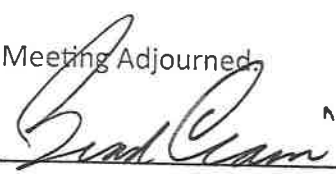
Clerk-Treasurer

Budget Hearing
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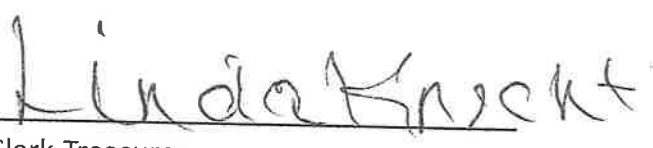
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Copenhaver, Bolser, Easter, Smith, Randles
Absent: Attorney Powell
Present from the public: None

No one was present from the public to question the 2027 Budget the ordinance will be written up for the October 5, 2026 Council meeting for a vote and approval. Councilmember Smith had several questions about the MVH budget and the Park Funds Mayor Crain explained the increases and decreases and the need to purchase a few new vehicles and mowers for Park & MVH.

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.
Meeting Adjourned.

Bud Casin
Mayor

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer