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Brad Crain
Mayor

Linda Knecht
Clerk-Treasurer

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932
October 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Regular Council and Budget Adoption.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Bolser, Easter, Smith, Randles, Attorney Powell
Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver
Present from the Public: Nancy Wallace, Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Joe & Sandy Whitaker, Carol Owens, Terry Martin, Bert Roof, Yvonne Clem

Minutes from September 8, 2026 Council meeting and Board of Works, September 14th Council meeting and Board of Works, September 21, 2026 Budget Hearing and September 21, 2026 Board of Works were approved.
Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-8 and ordinance for appropriations and tax rates for the Budget for 2027. Councilmember Easter made the motion to approve the budget as presented Councilmember Smith 2nd Motion carried 4-0.
Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2026-9 Elected Official Salaries, ordinance 2026-10 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance 2026-11 Percentage of pay for 2027 this will be the 1st reading and will be voted on at a special council meeting on Monday October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sandy & Joe Whitaker were present about the sidewalks near Grubb Implement Mayor Crain stated everything will be backed up 4 feet and sidewalk will be poured. Sandy Whitaker asked if the sidewalk will meet up with the old sidewalk. Sandy Whitaker wants the equipment moved off the sidewalk. Brandon Ricketts and Mayor Crain will look into the situation and get the sidewalks replaced hopefully by the end of October.

Yvonne Clem who lives at the corner of 11th and Commercial was present about drainage ditch at the end of 11th Street there is a culvert that needs to be cleaned out. Yvonne stated she keeps her end of the drainage ditch cleaned up but there is water eroding her property and neighbors (Applegate). Yvonne would like to know if the ditch is city owned or if the property owners own it, she feels if it is city owned the city needs to keep it cleaned out and weeds knocked down. Supt KC Smith and Mayor Crain will look into the issue to see what can be done and who is actually responsible for the ditch.

Carol Owens asked if Stringtown Road by Interstate 74 bridge will be patched this year, Mayor Crain stated it will be in 2027 through the Community Crossing grant monies, the county should have done this but never finished the project.
Supt KC Smith stated the street sweeper will be out in the next couple weeks to start leaf cleanup.
Supt Myers stated lab work is complete. Supt Myers has 2 quotes for painting the exterior of the water tower, this probably won't happen this year but in the Spring of 2027. #4 well will have flow testing and pump testing tomorrow October 6th
Gene Fye has 3 out of 4 streets trimmed back for the farm equipment 11th Street needs to be finished. Gene stated there are still 2 lights out at the City park but there isn't a lot that they can do about it. Gene needs to get new lights at the Welcome to Covington sign since they don't work. Councilmember Randles suggested hard wiring lights in to replace the solar lighting.
Police Chief Foster wants to hire James Knowlton from Veedersburg who is currently an officer in Veedersburg. Councilmember Smith made the motion to hire James as a first class patrolman Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 4-0.
Trick or Treat hours are October 31st 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Council was all in agreement. The ghost walk will also be held downtown Covington on October 31st.

Councilmember Smith would like to see an ordinance for short term rentals (VRBO) in residential areas, Attorney Powell will get examples to the Council. Mayor Crain would like the downtown and business area to not be able to do short term rentals on the 1st floor of what can be business. The Council and Attorney will talk about this zoning ordinance addition at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Brad Crain — Mayor

Linda Knecht — Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Easter

Clerk Treasurer Knecht stated we need to transfer $25,000.00 from Water Operating to Water Depreciation cash to pay Utility Supply for fire hydrants at Rivercrest subdivision. Councilmember Easter made the motion to approve Mayor Crain 2nd motion carried 2-0. Councilmember Easter made the motion to pay all claims Mayor Crain 2nd Motion carried 2-0. Meeting Adjourned.

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

Councilmember Brad Smith made a motion to appoint Kathy Easter to the Redevelopment Commission to replace Justin Martin. Councilmember Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented to the Council Ordinance 2026-9, salary ordinance for elected officials for the fiscal year 2027 for approval. Councilmember Brad Smith made the motion for approval. Councilmember Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented to the Council Ordinance 2026-10, salary ordinance for appointed officers, deputies and other employees for the fiscal year 2027 for approval. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion for approval. Councilmember Easter seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented to the Council Ordinance 2026-11, percentages employees will be paid from Street, Electric, Water and Sewer departments for the fiscal year 2027 for approval. Councilmember Copenhaver made the motion for approval. Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Crain presented a quote from Rahn Equipment Co. for the purchase of a Western 9'6" snow plow and 9' 4.0 cu yd salt box spreader including light kits for $24,444.73. Councilmember Easter made the motion to purchase the snow plow and salt box. Councilmember Smith seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Brad Crain — Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Copenhaver

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

Meeting Adjourned

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RDC Meeting
Covington City Building
6:30 p.m.
October 26, 2026

Present: President Brad Smith, Members: Kathy Easter, Paula Copenhaver, Todd Hegg,
Present from the Public: Brad Crain, Vickie Jones, Sandee Frey, Toni Ponder, Holly Magee, Randy Ponder, Tom McGurk, Randy Randles, Leah Keele

This meeting was to propose The Reserve Residential Housing Economic Development Area Economic Development Plan (Including Residential Housing Development Program) President Brad Smith welcomed Kathy Easter to her 1st meeting as a member of the Redevelopment Commission. Tom Pitman from Barnes & Thornburg joined the meeting via phone and explained to the audience what this meeting was about. Sandee Frey asked about the difference between tax abatement and TIF Tom explained the difference as she is very worried what this will due to the tax revenue that will go to the Covington/Veedersburg Public Library. There will be a tax increment study done and the library board will receive this and it will lay out a map of the revenue that will affect the library. The Redevelopment can give up to 15% to the school systems from the TIF monies, he explained with more children enrolled into the school systems the more revenue the schools would receive it's about 7,000,00 per new student.
President Smith asked Tom about plat maps with streets and layout of the proposed TIF area, Brad Crain stated he will have all maps available at the November 16, 2026 RDC meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Special Council meeting at 6:30 following the RDC meeting. Brad Smith asked about the entrances and exits from the new subdivision and Brad Crain stated it's on the cemetery plat map. President Smith and Tom Pitt stated this is just the initial meeting on the new TIF and public comment there will be another formal meeting coming soon. The Final hearings and public meetings will be around December 15, 2026. There will be a City Council meeting and EDC meeting for final discussion around December 15, 26. Np one on the RDC Board had any further questions.

Meeting Adjourned.

President RDC

Clerk-Treasurer