

Covington City Council
329 Washington Street
Covington IN 47932

May 6, 2023

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles, Attorney Powell.

Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver

In Attendance from the public: Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Nancy Wallace, Carol Owens, Juli Root, Keddy Sowers, Tabitha Ziegler

Minutes from City Council and Board of Works meeting April 15, 2024 and Bid Opening April 18, 2024 were approved with the addition from Councilmember Smith wanting his motion on deeding OSF the ground at the Community Center from the April 15,24 meeting to say contingent to the facility being built.

Ordinance 2024-4 that was voted on at the April 15, 2024 was passed around for signatures. It will be advertised and should be ready to install stop signs in late May.

Mayor Crain talked about the bids for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the lowest bid was Patterson/Horth General Contractors for 2,362,000.00 Triad gave Mayor Crain a job they are working on now and Mayor Crain visited the job site and said they do excellent work. Councilmember Smith made the motion to accept the bid from Patterson/Horth and Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Crain said the City will need to look into financing this project he stated the City will put around 400,000 to 500,000 thousand from waste water depreciation and we will have to finance the rest he suggested we get a rate study done by Therber, Barnes & Thornburg to see what increase we need to do to be able to pay for this along with a bond issue. Councilmember Smith made the motion to hire the firm Councilmember Martin 2nd motion carried 4-0.

Hydrants will be flushed City wide Monday May 13, 2024.

Juli Root was present to ask permission for the Street Festival Friday May 31, 2024

Tabitha Zeigler was present to update on the festival that she would like to put on at the City Park for Saturday August 17, 2024, she had parking concerns if there is a large crowd and the council stated they feel there is plenty of parking. She said she has several vendors wanting to participate.

Fire Chief Garth Kagels updated the council on the ISO rating all the paper work was turned in by the Fire department but they had an outdated hydrant map. The new map has been sent to

GIS for new mapping Garth will keep the council updated once he hears something, since hydrant flushing will be May 13, 24 Garth asked Supt. KC Smith to please mark hydrants that need attention with a possible replacement program in the next year. Garth spoke on why it's hard to get good ratings for small fire departments a lengthy conversation was held on the subject.

Keddy Sowers was present to ask permission to re-roof and put an awning on the dog pound, he has an estimate from Allen Strawser. Mayor Crain said he is going to get another quote and the council will consider at the next meeting.

Supt. KC Smith installed the new stop sign at Liberty and 3rd he stated it will be a while before people get use to the new STOP there is a 3 way stop under each sign. Supt. KC Smith would like to purchase a new Honda diaphragm trash pump for \$2,500.00 Councilmember Randles made the motion to purchase the pump Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion passed 4-0.

Supt Myers will power wash the pool now that is has been pumped out weather permitting. Supt Myers said the #1 well abandonment is finished he also stated he needs to purchase a new wall heater and AC unit for the wastewater treatment plant lab.

Councilmember Randles: People are asking about why the new streetlights are so bright and Mayor Crain explained they are LED, people want to know if anything can be done? Council held a small discussion. He is being approached about getting some of the streets patched where there are pot holes, KC Smith said they will start working on that soon.

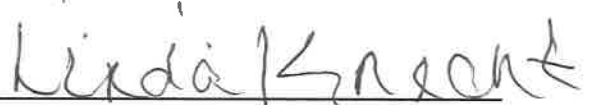
Councilmember Smith: Asked KC and Garth about how many hydrants are going into the new subdivision and Mayor Crain stated 3 will be installed with an 8 inch line from the west side of River Road, Councilmember Smith wants to know the plan on installing these hydrants and a timeline, Supt Smith stated we have the hydrants in stock.

Councilmember Easter: made the motion to increase the pay for lifeguards, Assistant Pool Manager and Pool Manager Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Easter Thanked Randy Randles for doing a great job at the park it looks great.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Randles, Easter

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

Mayor Crain made the motion to allow waste water adjustments for Perkins, Jeffrey Councilmember Randles 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

May 22, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Randles, Easter

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

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer