

Covington City Council  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932  
6:00 p.m.

September 3, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles

Absent: Attorney Powell, Councilmember Copenhaver

Present from the public: Carol Owens, Ed DeVore, Kurt & Kim Gobreski, Mike & Judy  
Montgomery, Robin Hegg, Tabatha Zeigler.

Minutes from Council meeting & Board of Works August 5, 2024, Special Council meeting &  
Board of Works August 19, 2024 were approved.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2024-5 to vacate a portion of a public street in the City of  
Covington. Councilmember Easter made the motion Councilmember Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried  
4-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to deed a parcel of land at Covington Community Center to the RDC. Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to allow Mayor Crain and Clerk-Treasurer Knecht to sign documents necessary to effectuate the loan from the Fountain Trust. Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 4-0.

Police Chief Foster needs an ordinance stating that funds for speeding tickets issued with the new 20mph speed limit will be deposited into Police Non-Reverting. Councilmember Randles made the motion Councilmember Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Crain presented a leaf vac quote from Grubb Implement Store for \$4,696.71 to be used at the City Park. Councilmember Smith made the motion to buy the leaf Vac Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0 Councilmember Randles abstained from the vote.

Fire Chief Kagels gave a report on the ISO rating and the update on the fire ratings. Councilmember Smith and Fire Chief Kagels held a conversation on this subject.

Street Supt KC Smith reported that all 20mph signs have been installed and hopefully people will notice and slow down.

Mayor Crain stated the tennis courts have been surfaced and the binder will be put on Wednesday and will have to set for 30 days, new lines, fencing and nets will follow. Milestone is in town this week blacktopping the streets that were bid on.

Waste Water Supt. Myers stated the work at the waste water treatment plant is going well and ahead of schedule, A/C unit has been installed in lab. The City pool is in the process of being winterized for the year.

Police Chief Foster stated that the new police hire is now at police academy so we are short an officer until December. The guns that the Council previously approved to order will be in next week.

Ed DeVore was present to ask why the 4way stop at 9<sup>th</sup> Railroad/Sunset have not been installed after being passed. Mayor Crain explained the Police feel this will cause problems with the school buses not being able to make the turns once the signs are installed. Mr. Devore, Mike & Judy Montgomery, Robin Hegg still feel something needs to be done in this area. A conversation was held on this issue and the Council, Mayor, and Police will try and come up with a better plan for this area.

Tabitha Zeigler Thanked the Council for allowing her to have Color the Experience festival at the City Park and said it was well received and would like to make it a yearly event . She did request that next year the area be marked off as people drive very fast in the park. Park Supt. Randles along with Police Chief reminded everyone the speed limit in the park is 5mph.


#### Council Reports.

Councilmember Randles asked about the cabin in the city park and stated it is in really bad shape and feels something needs to be done. The City doesn't own the cabin the American Legion does. The basketball courts need to lined and Mayor Crain will talk to the people lining the tennis courts to see if they can do this.

Councilmember Smith is wanting letters sent to properties that need mowed and trash removed around houses he will get a list to the Clerk-Treasurer to be sent.

Meeting Adjourned.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer.

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Easter, Randles

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

2 Adjustments were presented for waste water Mayor Crain made the motion allow adjustments Councilmember Easter Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain  
Mayor

Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer

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September 9, 2024  
Budget Hearing  
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Easter, Smith, Randles  
Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver  
Present from the public: None

2025 Estimated Budget was presented for public hearing.

Budget adoption will be September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Brad Crain  
Mayor

Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

September 16, 2024

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmember Randles  
Absent: Councilmember Easter

Mayor Crain made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Randles 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned

Brad Crain  
Mayor

Linda Knecht  
Clerk-Treasurer

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September 23, 2024  
Budget Adoption  
6:00 p.m.

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

Ordinance 2024-6 was presented for adoption of appropriations and tax rates 2025 Budget. Councilmember Smith made the motion to accept 2024-6 Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned

*Brad Smith*

Mayor

*Linda Knecht*

Clerk-Treasurer

Covington Redevelopment Commission

September 23, 2024

Annual meeting

6:30 p.m.

Present: President Brad Smith, Joe Sare, Todd Hegg, Paula Copenhaver, Justin Martin

Absent: Mike Ahrens

Meeting called to order by President Brad Smith. This is a yearly meeting to discuss budget, long-term plans, and any impact to overlapping taxing units for a report due on Gateway in December 2024. President Brad Smith stated the City Council agreed to gift the north east corner of Community Center to OSF and the redevelopment commission has to accept this and bids will have to be let. Todd Hegg made the motion to accept the gift per resolution 2024-5 Paula Copenhaver 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0. The next meeting for RDC will be Monday October 28, 24 at 6:00 p.m. to read bids.

Meeting adjourned

*Brad Smith*

RDC President

*Linda Knecht*

Clerk-Treasurer