

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

November 4, 2024

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

Absent: Councilmember Copenhaver, Attorney Powell

Present from the public: Nancy Wallace, Marlea Crain, Wanda Miller, Keith Asbury,

Minutes from October 21, 2024 Council meeting & Board of Works, Special Council meeting October 28, 2024, Covington Redevelopment Commission October 28, 2024 were approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented the council with the 4th payment from READI for Shiloh Development Co. for them to sign off on. No action has to be taken as the funds have been deposited into the City account to pay for claims approved and submitted. Councilmember Randles questioned why the bills are through the City of Covington? Why aren't they billed to Shiloh Development Co., Mayor Crain explained the grant is written through the City of Covington.

Supt KC Smith said all the hydrants were flushed today and found a few hydrants that need replaced and will work on that soon. The Street department is working on the leaves daily with the leaf vac and picking up bags.

Supt Myers stated all the blowers are installed and working at the treatment plant. Mayor Crain asked if the clarifiers were working yet Supt. Myers stated they will probably start them up next week.

Chief Foster stated the 2018 Explorer needs a water pump quoted for \$3,000.00. He will have quotes for the Council at the next meeting for a 2025 Ford Explorer to replace the 2018. Chief Foster said they have to purchase 3 portable and 3 mobile radios ASAP as the ones they have will become obsolete by 2026. He will have the quote at the next meeting for the council to look at and he wants to move on this quickly. Councilmember Randles asked about speed/photo radars to be installed around town and maybe he could get quotes for this. Chief Foster will check into quotes maybe there would be DNR monies available to help purchase these. Councilmember Smith made the motion to fix the 2018 Ford Explorer Easter 2nd Motion carried 4-0

Fire chief Kagels announced Covington will be getting a Fire Training facility it will be utilized by several fire departments in the area the facility will be located on the top of Thorn Hill on River

Road, this should help with our ISO rating also, the timeline for the training facility to be built is Spring/Summer 2025. MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) that was discussed at an earlier meeting Fire Chief Kagels stated the yearly cost is \$ 271.00 for membership fee. Councilmember Smith made the motion to join MABAS Martin 2nd Motion passed 4-0. This will be Ordinance 2024-15 that will be drawn up for the next council meeting and signed.

Council reports:

Councilmember Smith asked Chief Foster to ask Grubb Implement to move the ATV's off of Liberty Street between the street and sidewalk, Chief Foster will check into this on Wednesday.

Councilmember Randles asked about the Street sweeper & Hydrovac Supt KC Smith got quotes on earlier this year for 670,000 with a payment plan for over 5 years the payment will be made annually. The Council and Mayor were all in agreement that the streets look better when swept and the Hydrovac will be a good additon to have it will take 12 to 14 months to receive the new machine and the quote for trade in will not be available until right before we make the purchase of the new equipment.

Keith Asbury asked about the blind spots pulling out on 5th Street and trying to cross Liberty to the South. We need to eliminate the last parking spot for a better view, Mayor Crain will talk to State Highway Department to see what can be done.

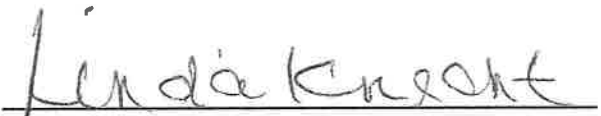
Mayor Crain asked about ordinance 2024-4 on the 4 way stop at 9th/Railroad/Sunset to repeal/vacate Attorney Powell will write an ordinance. Councilmember Randles made the motion to rescind 2024-4 Martin 2nd Motion carried 4-0.

Wanda Miller wanted to have the Covenants amended for the new subdivision at Rivercrest about the fee they are being charged by Jeff Clark. The City annexed the subdivision and is responsible for streets, water, sewer, electricity. Mayor Crain will talk to Attorney Powell about this.

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.

Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Easter, Randles

Clerk-Treasurer Knecht presented the Board of Works with the 5th payment for Shiloh Reimbursement for 33,512.80 the reimbursement has been received and receipted into the account the board members approved.

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

Waste Water adjustment was approved for Aaron Stein property at 1206 Pearl Street for a service line break. Mayor Crain made the motion to approve Councilmember Easter 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer