

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2023

Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

- Keith Warner
- Derrick Canan
- Julie Blumenstock
- Jesse Reynolds
- Dawn Duff
- Amy Welborn

Non-member Staff participating:

- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel
- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (May 1, 2023)
- April Tax Report
- April Financial Report
- April Fund Balance Report
- April Check Run Report

A motion to approve the consent agenda as it stands with no modifications by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Canan. Ms. Welborn abstained due to not attending the prior meeting. Ms. Blumenstock, aye; Mr. Reynolds, aye; Ms. Duff, aye. Motion carried.

Visitors – Public Comment

None

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Mayor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hinkelman noted the June Council meetings will be held on June 5th and June 20th, as June 19th is a Federal Holiday.

Mr. Hinkelman thanked Mary Kay Peters and her school-aged helper Harrison for creating the Little Library which has been placed near Subway. He continued that it is great to see residents willing to contribute and share ideas that keep Covington the wonderful place that it is to live and work.

Mr. Hinkelman congratulated all the graduates and noted how it was a fortunate that the the Village of Covington has such a great school system.

He asked if there were any additional questions from him by Council or the audience, and there were none.

Discussion Items

High Street Project Updates

Mr. Hinkelman noted that Barrett Paving was currently working in the Village placing the required counters in the road. He continued that tomorrow they will be patching and putting in asphalt.

He discussed that the Village is working with AES to put in all the light meters. The county has approved all permits, but the Village has no control over the time frame for AES to actually put in the meters. He noted he was hopeful it would be later in the week.

He continued that the Public Works department will be putting up the Hometown Hero Banners before Memorial Day.

Hometown Christmas 2023 – Parade

Mr. Hinkelman discussed the 2023 Hometown Christmas event and noted that this year there is the potential for a longer parade. He said that the event committee is looking to include school groups, churches, non-profits, etc., which will be followed by the arrival of Santa. He noted that if anyone was interested in joining the parade that they can fill out the form which is available on the website for download.

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Mayor McCord discussed the parade route and was pleased to announce Santa will be arriving in a carriage to the Government Center. He noted that there will be food trucks, and the tree lighting will be at 8:00PM. There will be a coloring contest and the Home Decorating Contest again this year. The activities will be held the Friday after Thanksgiving from 5:00PM to approximately 9:00PM with all activities centralized at the Government Center.

Mr. Hinkelman will also have a form on-line for the Home Decorating Contest as done in years prior for residents to download, complete, and return to the Government Center.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution R19-23 – Adoption of the 2023 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Hinkelman discussed Resolution R19-23 regarding the adoption and update to the Village Strategic Plan. He noted that each year the Strategic Plan is reviewed and updated, with the intent to list the goals and priorities Council and residents feel are important for that year. He continued that there is currently a survey available for residents to take to provide feedback on the draft priorities and goals.

There was general discussion between the Council and the Village Administrator about the existing plan and the draft priorities and goals provided.

Mayor McCord asked Council members to review and provide a list of ideas for discussion at the next Council meeting. He noted that these priorities are used to create the 2024 budget. Mr. Hinkelman noted that some items on the list may be complete by the time the plan is adopted, and if so, they will be removed from the list at that time.

Mr. Hinkelman read the eight draft priorities in the plan including completion of the High Street Project, continuation of the Wastewater treatment project, development of the Schoolhouse Park site, developing plans for bike paths in the community, developing plans for the Sellman's property, updating and building an addition to the government center, completing existing plans, and focusing on economic development.

Ms. Welborn asked for an update on the sale of Sellman's properties along High Street. Mr. Hinkelman stated the old movie theater portion had sold last year. He noted that the additional spaces were currently being finalized and would hopefully close within the

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coming months. As Mr. Hinkelman is made aware of new businesses opening, he will share with Council and residents.

Ordinance 11-23 – Reappropriations.

Mr. Hinkelman discussed Ordinance 11-23 which is a quarterly update to deal with revenues and expenses within the Village budget. He noted that a majority of the appropriation changes are related to anticipated retirements and capital purchases.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any questions or concerns about the Ordinance and there were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 11-23 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 11-23 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

None

Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:32PM for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for use property under ORC 121.22.G was made by Mr. Canan and seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to leave the executive session was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds at 8:33PM. All ayes. Motion passed.

No action was taken.

Adjournment


A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.



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