

## **COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on September 8, 2020 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present	Keith Warner
	Dawn Duff
	Jesse Reynolds
	Lois Newman
	Bud Weer
	Scott Tobias

Nonmembers participating –Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, and Tim Cline-Police Officer.

### **Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Duff and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Visitors**

Joyce & DeWayne Robertson  
Aimee Hancock  
Chris Haines

### **Mayor's Report**

Trick or Treat set for Thursday, October 29, 6-8 PM.

Mayor McCord has been visiting businesses and individuals asking for donations for School House Park. Approximately \$50,000 has been donated to date. Fund raising thermometer signs have been ordered to track donations.

The new basketball court is being used quite frequently, and a "Thank You" sign has been posted.

**Village Administrator Report** – the following topics were addressed:

### **2020 Sidewalk Program**

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 13-20 levying assessments for sidewalks, curbs and driveways. Included in Council's packet is the assessment spreadsheet.

### **Water Plant Filter Media Replacement Project**

A&N Construction has completed the filter media replacement project, and will be sending us the change order and a final bill within the next week.

**Sale of the vacant lot located at 110 N. Pearl Street**

Recommending Council have third reading and vote on Resolution R29-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to sell Parcel H19-001440 also known as 110 N. Pearl Street to the Newberry Preservation Foundation, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation. The sale price will be \$20,000.00. This sale and proposed use of the property is consistent with the previously approved Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD).

**Nuisance Abatement Assessments**

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 14-20 levying assessments for various lots and lands. Included in Council's packet is the nuisance abatement assessment spreadsheet.

**Pearl Street Storm Sewer Improvements**

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R32-20 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Finrock Construction for the Pearl Street Storm Sewer Improvement Project.

**Signor Change for Covington Savings and Loan**

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R33-20 removing Mike Busse as an authorized signor and naming Brenda Carroll and Edward McCord as authorized signors on the account.

**High Street R/W Acquisition**

The appraisals have been completed. Mayor McCord has signed them and they have been returned to O.R. Colan who will begin contacting property owners to negotiate the purchase of the R/W parcels.

O.R. Colan will be providing the Village with an invoice and the Village will submit this invoice to Amy at ODOT for payment to O.R. Colan.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the 8/17/2020 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

**Financial Reports**

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Newman and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Motion to approve Resolution R29-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to sell Parcel H19-001440 also known as 110 N. Pearl Street to the Newberry Preservation Foundation, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation (this property is part of the Covington DRD and will be re-platted as part of the Newberry Theater Project property) was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Ordinance 13-20 levying assessments upon various lots and lands in the Village of Covington for sidewalk, curb and driveway repairs was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 13-20 was made by Reynolds and seconded by Weer. Newman, Duff, Weer, Warner and Reynolds voted yes. Tobias abstained. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Ordinance 14-20 levying assessments upon various lots and lands in the Village of Covington for nuisance abatement was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 14-20 was made by Tobias and seconded by Reynolds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R32-20 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Finfrock Construction Company for the bid amount of \$40,004.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R32-20 was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule on Resolution R33-20 removing Michael Busse as an authorized signor on Covington Savings and Loan bank accounts was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R33-20 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:17 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor