

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on July 6, 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

Absent	Scott Tobias
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Nonmembers participating – Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, A.J. Hickman-Police Officer, and Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer.

Agenda:

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

Visitors

Joyce & DeWayne Robertson
Amy Welborn
Abbey Niefer

Amy Welborn spoke to Council regarding issues concerning the Black Lives Matter rally that was canceled due to some community backlash, which she previously addressed Council of this issue at the last meeting on June 15. Ms. Welborn stated several times there was no acknowledgment from Council about the issues of prejudice, racial profiling and social injustice in the Village of Covington, and she asked what is Council's responsibility? Ms. Welborn said the Covington Police Department has been stellar in their willingness to discuss the issues. Village attorney Frank Patrizio responded to Ms. Welborn by stating even though individual Council members have different opinions, they are required to act as one body. Mayor McCord said he and Police Chief Lee Harmon have had several discussions regarding these matters, and a meeting is planned for July 7 with members of the community for their input on these issues.

Mayor's Report

Park Name – Mayor McCord asked Council to think of a name for the new park which will be located at the old middle school lot. Mayor McCord would like to finalize the name at the next Council meeting.

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

2020 Sidewalk Program

The 2020 sidewalk program is continuing. Dynamic Construction has the project about 90% completed, and plans to get the balance of the project completed this week.

Pearl Street Waterline Replacement Project

The Pearl Street water line replacement project is completed, and we should have the final pay request for Council's review at the next meeting.

Water Plant Filter Media Replacement Project

A&N Construction has completed filter #4 and is scheduled to begin work July 7 on filter #3. Plans are to complete this project in the next 30 days.

Community Reinvestment Area

We will be filing our CRA ordinance with the State of Ohio this week.

Maple Street Basketball Court Renovation Project

Mr. Busse will be applying for our grant reimbursement later this week.

Fire Hydrant Replacements

Insurance reimbursements for the two hydrants have been received.

Fire/EMS Levy Renewal

Requesting Council have first reading on Resolution R24-20 submitting to the electors of the Village the question of the renewal of an existing 2.5 mill levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining Fire and EMS services and related expenses. This is a straight renewal and is not an increase in millage.

2021 Tax Budget

Brenda and Mr. Busse have the 2021 tax budget for Council's review and approval. If approved, the tax budget will then be submitted to the Miami County Budget Commission for review.

High Street Improvements

Asking Council to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R26-20 authorizing the preliminary legislation for the participation in the ODOT PID-105753 MIA High Street Improvement Project and also authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary agreements including the approval of any necessary change orders or changes in scope of work.

Scheduled Vehicle Replacement

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R27-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2020 Ford F350 pickup truck from Beau Townsend Ford at a cost of \$36,500 to be paid equally from the water and wastewater funds. This truck will replace a 2001 pickup and is a scheduled budgeted purchase. This quote is lower than the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program price for a comparable vehicle.

Minutes

Minutes from the 6/15/2020 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

First reading on Resolution R24-20 submitting to the electors of the Village the question of the renewal of an existing 2.5 mill levy for the purpose of providing for Fire and EMS service-related expenses and declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R25-20 approving the 2021 alternate tax budget document and authorizing the fiscal officer to file the approved tax budget with the Miami County Budget Commission was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R25-20 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R26-20 authorizing the preliminary legislation for the participation in the ODOT PID-105753 MIA High Street Improvement Project and also authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary agreements including the approval of any necessary change orders or changes in scope of work was made by Duff and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R26-20 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R27-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2020 Ford F350 pickup truck from Beau Townsend Ford at a cost of \$36,500 to be paid equally from the water and wastewater funds was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R27-20 was made by Duff and seconded by Weer. Duff, Weer, Warner, and Reynolds voted aye. Newman voted no. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:54 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor