

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on August 3, 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 – Mike Busse-Village Administrator, and Tim Cline-Police Officer.

Agenda:

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

Visitors

Joyce & DeWayne Robertson
Aimee Hancock

Mayor's Report

Middle School Park – Weer nominated the name “School House Park” and Reynolds nominated the name “Friendship Park”. Motion to close the nominations was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried. Weer, Warner, Newman, and Tobias voted for “School House Park”. Reynolds and Duff voted for “Friendship Park”. Name of park is “School House Park” by majority vote. Mayor McCord thanked everyone that submitted suggestions for the name of the park.

A Park Letter/Flyer (copy included in Council's packet) asking support for the new park was approved by Council. Mayor McCord and Mr. Busse will proceed with distributing the flyer.

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

2020 Sidewalk Program

Sidewalk invoices have been mailed to all affected property owners.

Water Plant Filter Media Replacement Project

A&N Construction has completed the blasting and refinishing the inside of Filter #2 and will begin reinstalling the filter media and putting Filter #3 back together. We should have it back on-line by Friday of next week and start working on Filter #1 on 8/17/20. Our project engineer Mote & Associates advised us that they feel this tank and tank #3 were not properly prepped before the original coatings were installed when the tanks were new.

Fire/EMS Levy Renewal

The renewal paperwork for the existing 2.5 mill levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining Fire and EMS services and related expenses has been filed with the Board of Elections. This is a straight renewal and is not an increase in millage.

Sweet Treat Water and Sewer Taps

The water and sewer taps for Sweet Treats have been installed and digging for the footers is planned for later this week.

CARES Act Funds

\$80,585.18 has been received as Covington's share of the CARES Act funds. Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule on Ordinance 12-20 amending the 2020 budget. This ordinance amends appropriations by increasing the appropriations for the Coronavirus fund (11) from \$0 to \$80,585.18 and is necessary to allow for previously unbudgeted, unaccounted for and unforeseen expenditures specifically due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019. (COVID-19)

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

Recommending Council have first reading 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).

Minutes

Minutes from the 7/20/2020 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Ordinance 12-20 amending the Village of Covington 2020 budget was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 12-20 was made by Duff and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

First reading 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. This property is part of the Covington DRD and will be re-platted as part of the Newberry Theater Project property.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:25 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor