

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 18, 2019 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
	Judy Smith
	Lois Newman
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, and Lee Harmon-Police Chief.

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

See attached Council Meeting Attendees List

Chris Haines from Marias Technology addressed Council on status of demolition and construction regarding the properties at 10 through 24 N. High St. Also gave an update on the Newberry Theater Preservation Foundation.

Joyce Robertson addressed Council recommending certain curbs in dangerous areas be painted and to be more conservative in waiving the three-reading rule on ordinances and resolutions. Ms. Robertson asked how she may locate job descriptions for village employees. Mr. Busse said job descriptions are public record and can be requested at any time.

Minutes

Minutes from the 11/4/19 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McCord updated Council on his weekly meetings and activities and reminded Council of the following:

The Covington Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Covington will host a Christmas Decorating Contest.

Dates: Entry due date – Friday, December 6, 2019 @ 4:00 PM

Judging – December 11 thru December 13, 2019

Winners will be announced at the December 16, 2019 council meeting

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

Downtown Redevelopment Fund

Requesting Council have second reading on Ordinance 19-19 establishing a Downtown Redevelopment Fund. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2020.

Basketball Court Renovations

Paving was completed today, November 18, and the fencing will be installed later this week. Requesting Council approve pay request #1 in the amount of \$34,742.42 to Brumbaugh Construction.

Casey's Project

Tank installation is complete and the canopy has been installed. The building foundations are complete, and the floor is scheduled to be poured November 19. We anticipate the building walls to begin going up this Friday or next Monday depending on the weather.

Zoning Activity

Approved zoning permits:

Billie Weyant, 311 S. Wall Street for a new single-family home.

Gene Gooding 104 Crosby Street - 8 x 12 storage shed.

Park

The work is nearing completion on the landing and ramp for the scout building, and anticipate the project to be completed within the next two weeks.

Water Plant

We are working with Artesian of Pioneer to complete inspections and testing of our filter and softener media to determine its condition. We suspect it is nearing its end of life and will need replaced soon, but the testing is required to know the media's true condition. Once the condition of the media is known we will continue to work on a media replacement strategy.

Work on the chemical feed room renovations will begin the first week of December with an anticipated completion in February 2020.

Minster Bank Contract

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R28-19 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Minster Bank for banking services. We continue to use Minster Bank as a clearing house for the village's income tax deposits and credit card accounts.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

Second reading on Ordinance 19-19 establishing the Downtown Redevelopment District Fund.

Second reading on Resolution R26-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract with Miami Valley Lighting for street lighting.

New Business

First reading on Ordinance 21-19 amending the Covington Salary Ordinance, 1.5 % Cost of Living Allowance.

First reading on Ordinance 22-19 amending the Village Administrator Salary Ordinance, 1.5% Cost of Living Allowance.

Motion to approve the 2019 Christmas Ham List was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Brumbaugh Construction pay request #1 in the amount of \$34,742.42 for the Basketball Court Renovation Project was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R28-19 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract for the deposit of funds with Minster Bank was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R28-19 was made b Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept a \$5,000 donation from the Covington Eagles for the Basketball Court Renovation Project was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor