

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on December 2, 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
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer

Absent	Lois Newman
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Nonmembers present included 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 Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors:

Jesse Reynolds
Joyce and Dwayne Robertson
Doug Haines

Minutes

Minutes from the 11/18/19 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 vote on Ordinance 19-19 establishing a Downtown Redevelopment Fund. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2020.

Miami Valley Lighting

Recommending Council vote to approve Resolution R26-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract with Miami Valley Lighting for street lighting which includes upgrading all lighting provided under contract to LED lights.

Basketball Court Renovations

Requesting Council approve pay request #2 in the amount of \$85,768.30 to Brumbaugh Construction.

Casey's Project

The building exterior is up and work is continuing inside. Site work is continuing as the weather allows.

Marias Project

The teardown of the existing buildings is underway. Crews are removing items from the buildings and are working to disconnect utilities. The buildings will be torn down and the site cleaned up over the next few weeks.

Zoning Activity

The Board of Appeals will meet on Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM to review an application for variance by the Covington Board of Education for an on-premise sign.

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 23-19 approving Planning and Zonings recommendations to replat inlots 475 and 476 combining them into one lot.

Water Plant

Chemical feed room renovations have begun with an anticipated completion in February 2020.

Donations

Requesting Council vote to approve donations from the Covington Community Chest:

First donation in the amount of \$50,000 for the Basketball Court Renovation Project

Second donation in the amount of \$15,000 for the replacement of bulletproof vests for the Covington Police Department.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 19-19 establishing the Downtown Redevelopment District Fund was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R26-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract with Miami Valley Lighting for street lighting was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion to amend Ordinance 21-19 increasing the truck driver/laborer position to \$1.00 more per hour for obtaining and maintaining Ohio EPA licenses was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

New Business

Motion to approve Brumbaugh Construction pay request #2 in the amount of \$85,768.30 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept a \$50,000 donation from the Covington Community Chest for the Basketball Court Renovation Project was made by Weer and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept a \$15,000 donation from the Covington Community Chest to purchase police department bulletproof vests was made by Warner and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Ordinance 23-19 approving the replat of inlots 475 and 476 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-19 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Duff. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:16 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor