

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on December 16, 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
	Lois Newman

Absent	Bud Weer
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Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Lee Harmon-Police Chief, and Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer.

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

See attached list.

Minutes

Minutes from the 12/2/19 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:

Mayor McCord announced the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by the Covington Chamber of Commerce: First Place – Jason Hitchcock

Second Place – Robert & Mary Beth Rich

Third Place – Adam VonAschen & Brooke Swartz

Fourth Place – Brian Copeland

Fifth Place – Jim & Shanda Rench

Christmas Holiday Closings: The Government Center will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Trash pickup will be delayed one day for customers normally picked up on Wednesday, the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. As in past years, Covington staff will pick up extra residential trash items December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020 at no additional cost.

Included in Council's packet for review are the 2020 Draft Goals.

Council meeting dates and times for 2020 are the first and third Mondays of each month @ 7:00 PM.

Planning and Zoning meeting dates for 2020 are the fourth Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM beginning February 2020.

A special Council meeting will be held December 30, 2019 @ 6:30 PM to approve pay requests for the Ludlow/Hazel Street storm sewer project and the water plant chemical feed containment project.

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

Temporary Appropriations for 2020

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote on Ordinance 24-19 approving temporary appropriations for the year ending December 31, 2020. This allows the village to pay bills until such time as the permanent appropriations are approved.

Casey's Project

Site work is continuing as the weather allows. Permanent power has been installed and underground utilities should be completed by the end of the week.

Marias Project

The teardown of the existing buildings is complete. Crews are sorting and hauling away debris, and we anticipate the bulk of the debris will be removed by the end of the week.

Zoning Activity

The Board of Appeals will meet on Monday, December 30, 2019 @ 6:00 PM to review an application for variance by the Covington Board of Education to remove and replace a baseball diamond backstop.

Water Plant

Chemical feed room floor has been poured and the next step is installing the protective coating on the containment area. The installer must wait 30 days from the pour date to allow the concrete to cure before proceeding.

Donations

Requesting Council vote to approve a donation from the Roy J. Weikert Trust. This money will be earmarked for the Maple Street Park improvements.

Brewhouse Liquor License Renewal

The village has received a notice of renewal for the Brewhouse liquor license. Recommending to Council that we do not request a hearing for the consideration of the Brewhouse liquor license renewal.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 21-19 repealing and replacing the amended salary ordinance for hourly employees for the Village of Covington was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-19 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Administrator for the Village of Covington was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 24-19 accepting and approving the temporary appropriations for the year ending December 31, 2020 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-19 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the donation of \$45,000 from the Roy J. Weikert Trust, to be earmarked for the development of the middle school park area, was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Donald Weer and Lois Newman to a one-year term commencing January 1, 2020 as the Village's representative board members to the Firefighters' Dependents Fund was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. Tobias, Warner, Smith, and Duff voted aye. Newman abstained. Weer was absent. Motion carried.

Motion to approve change order #1 for the WWTP valve replacement project adding an increase of \$577.00 for additional required pump repairs making a total amended contract cost of \$29,059.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Fryman-Kuck's pay request in the amount of \$29,059.00 for the WWTP valve replacement project was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve purchasing bullet proof vests from A. E. David for the Police Department at a cost of \$8664.60 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Newman and seconded by Duff. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor