

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 5, 2018 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed 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
	Bud Weer
	Lois Newman
	Scott Tobias

The council packet included minutes from the 10/15/18 regular meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #11774-11824.

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Lee Harmon-Chief of Police, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

See attached Council Meeting Attendees List

Minutes

Minutes from the 10/15/18 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:

- a) Christmas Decorating Contest: entry forms are available at the Village offices or on the Village website.
- b) Candlelight Christmas Events will be held 11/9/18 & 11/10/18 and 11/16/18 & 11/17/18.
- c) Veterans Day – Monday, November 12, 2018 – The Government Center will be closed all day. Trash pickup will be delayed one day.
- d) Free Community Thanksgiving Dinners: November 17th 4 to 7 PM @ Covington Eagles, and November 21st 5 to 6:30 PM @ Covington Christian Church.
- e) Thanksgiving Holiday – The Government Center will be closed Thursday November 22 and Friday November 23, 2018. Trash pickup will remain on the regular schedule.

Park Masterplan Workshop:

Representatives from Poggemeyer Design Group presented to Council and Village residents concept plans and costs for the Grant Street basketball courts, community park and school park improvements. The ideas presented in the masterplan are part of a projected five-year plan. The first project in the plan is the reconstruction of the Grant Street basketball courts. Council will be applying for 50% grant through the Land and Water program. If the Grant is received, the Basketball Courts are planned to be reconstructed late in 2019 with a proposed completion the first quarter on 2020. Community members participated in a question and answer session about the proposed basketball court project as well as the park master plan. Mayor McCord stated that community involvement and suggestions will help to decide what the next project should be, and how to fund the projects. The discussions during the public participation portion of the meeting were very positive. Mayor McCord and Administrator Busse will be speaking at various community meetings to inform the public of the proposed park projects and to continue to obtain input from community groups as to the priorities and the scope of the planned park updates and upgrades.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Park Maintenance

Placement of the wood fiber material has been completed, and seeding of the park area around the new playground equipment will be done in the spring.

Earl Fyffe Replat

Planning and Zoning is recommending Council vote to approve a requested replat for Earl Fyffe. This proposed replat combines 8 lots into one to allow for a planned accessory structure to be constructed on the property.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup is underway, and will continue through the first week of December.

High Street Project Updates

We walked the project with all utility companies last week, and they are working on proposals to remove most of the overhead wires from the R/W areas and relocate them to the rear of the properties.

The High Street project is in need of R/W real-estate appraisal services. Recommending that Council approve the expenditure of \$6,800 to O.R. Colan LLC for R/W appraisal services through the end of 2018. These services are an ODOT requirement and are necessary to keep the project design moving forward.

Electric and Gas Aggregation

In September of this year, the Village signed an extension with Dynegy for electric generation/supply services. The new lower electric rate will be .0488/kwh which is down from the current rate of .0529/kwh. This lower electric rate will take effect 4/1/2020 and will run through 12/1/2021.

Earlier today I signed a new agreement with Volunteer Energy Services Inc. for the Village's gas aggregation plan. The new lower rate is .0371/ccf which is down from the current rate of .0423/ccf. The new rate will take effect 5/1/2019 and will remain in effect through 11/30/2020.

I will be working with Jordan Haarmann to draft an article for our next newsletter informing Covington residents of our upcoming lower electric and gas rates. As these new rates take effect, Covington residents already signed up for our aggregation plan as well residents not currently under contract with a gas/electric supplier will receive letters informing them of the rate/supplier changes.

Financial Reports

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Tobias 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 18-18 approving Planning and Zoning's recommendation to approve Earl Fyffe's request to replat inlots 731 through 738 into one building lot was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 18-18 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2018 Christmas ham list was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,800 to O.R. Colan LLC for real estate appraisal services for the ODOT High Street project properties was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the donation of \$250 to the Covington Chamber for Candlelight Christmas was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:03 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor