

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on February 21, 2017 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	Scott Tobias Bud Weer Keith Warner Joyce Robertson Lois Newman
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Absent	Judy Smith
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The council packet included minutes from the 2/6//17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10099-10129.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney and Mike Busse-Village Administrator.

Visitors:

Terry Wackler

Agenda:

A motion was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 2/6/17 meeting were approved as read.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McCord updated Council on his weekly meetings and activities.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Appropriations for 2017

Due to the rescheduling of the WWTP bid opening, recommending that Council table the 2017 Budget Ordinance 1-17 until the next meeting.

Surplus Items

New trash truck has been delivered and is now in service. Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R8-17 declaring the 1998 Ford trash truck as surplus, and to authorize the Village Administrator to auction it off on Gov deals.

High Street Courtyard

J&J Stampworks is working on the stone for this project.

2017 Sidewalk Program

The 2017 Sidewalk Improvement project is out for bids. The sidewalk pre bid meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 10:00 AM, and the bid date for this project is March 3rd at 10:00 AM.

WWTP Phase 1 Improvement Project

Project is out for bids, and a pre-bid meeting was held February 7th at 10:00 AM. Due to some needed clarifications to the bid documents for the project, the project bid opening was rescheduled to February 28th at 10:00 AM.

Replat of Inlots 1227 and 1228

The owners of the zero-lot-line double that occupies inlots 1227 and 1228 are requesting a replat of these two lots to combine them into one lot. The owners are planning on selling the property, and the new prospective owner's bank is requesting the replat. Planning and Zoning reviewed the replat, and is recommending Council approve the replat.

Employee Health Insurance

Our renewal proposal has been received from Anthem, and has an average increase of 7.5%. Included in Council's packet is a breakdown of the costs. Recommending to Council that we enter into a 12 month renewal agreement with Anthem.

Concept Machine Tax Abatement

On February 16th, the Tax Incentive Review Committee met to review the current tax abatement for Concept Machine. After some discussion, the committee voted to recommend to Council that we continue the tax abatement. Requesting Council vote to continue the tax abatement for Concept Machine.

Public Hearing on Re-Zoning

Planning and Zoning is recommending to Council that we rezone the areas between Bridge Street and Broadway, and Wenrick to Pearl Street. Council will need to set a public hearing for April 3rd at 7:00 PM to discuss Planning and Zoning's recommendation.

Electric Aggregation

Jordan Haarman of AGE called today, and said AGE got preliminary pricing back and expects to sign a contract on March 1st for electric aggregation through March 31st of 2020. Although this pricing fluctuates slightly each day, Jordan expects the price to be approximately 5.3 cents per KWH.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10099-10129 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to table until next meeting Ordinance 1-17 approving the budget for fiscal year 2017 was made by Tobias and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council held second reading on Resolution R6-17 authorizing the purchase of a 2017 police cruiser through the State of Ohio Cooperative purchasing program and authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for financing of the cruiser through Covington Savings and Loan.

New Business

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 3-17 approving the replat of inlots 1227 and 1228 was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 3-17 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council set a public hearing for April 3rd at 7:00 PM to rezone the area from Bridge Street to Broadway and Wenrick to Pearl Street.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R7-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to renew the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield employee health insurance plan, 7.5% overall average increase and a 12 month term, was made by Robertson and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R7-17 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Tax Incentive Review Board's recommendation to continue the tax abatement for Concept Machine was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R8-17 declaring the 1998 Ford trash truck as surplus and authorizing the Village Administrator to auction off surplus property was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R8-17 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:29 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

