

**Village of Covington Ohio  
Record of Proceedings  
Covington Village Council Meeting  
October 26, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, R. Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, Dick Rice, Edward L. McCord and Ann Bell. Mayor Donna Kay Dewey presided at the meeting. Lenee Brosch Attorney, from the law firm of Shipman, Dixon & Livingston was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Elaine Christian, Income Tax Collector, was present to inform Council the Income Tax collections are down 51,380.73 as of October 23<sup>rd</sup> compared to the same time last year. Past due amount is \$8,831.00. \$2,700.00 of that is not forwarded mail. There are 101 non-filers.

Christian receives water/sewer printouts three times a year and receives tax payers list annually from State.

Jay Wackler, Chamber of Commerce President, was present concerning the Safe Routes to School project application. Wackler is working with Chief Harmon and others on Bikeway Committee to get grant for Safe Routes to School. Grant amount requested is \$2,000; this is 100% funded with no local match through ODOT.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by McCord to suspend the rules and place on Emergency Legislation Res. 09-05R applying for Safe Routes to School grant. Roll call: Basye, no; Tobias, yes; Beeman, yes; Rice, yes; McCord, yes; Bell, yes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Bell Res. 09-05R pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: Tobias, yes; Beeman, yes; Rice, yes; McCord, yes; Bell, yes; Basye, no.

Minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; Dewey said the October 12<sup>th</sup> minutes should be corrected where it says the Mayor and Police Chief requested additional security cameras. Dewey said she and Chief did not request additional cameras.

Also, correction is needed for company's name for security cameras is H.S.I not H.I.S. five time for an investigation between council members and owners of H.S.I. Further she has had citizens calling questioning the security cameras and she feels an obligation to look into this further.

Motion was made by Bell to table security cameras.

McCord it couldn't be tabled because it was not on the agenda. Dewey said she will request it be on the agenda for next council meeting.

Motion to table this died for lack of second.

McCord directed the Clerk to make corrections to minutes where he was discussing need for security cameras with Chief Lee Harmon as follows:

McCord said before I make the motion, I have a question for Chief Harmon. I have a great deal of respect for your opinion and want to know your feelings about the security cameras. This is a yes or no question. "Do you believe that security cameras are necessary?" Chief Harmon replied that this is putting him on the spot and he didn't know if he could answer. McCord stated that for the protection of police officers if they bring someone in at 2:00 a.m. and are accused of improper behavior and for the protection of all city employees, yes or no, do we need security cameras? Chief Harmon stated "Yes, we need the security cameras." McCord then stated that he was for the security cameras since Chief Harmon was for the cameras.

McCord said he would make a motion to rescind the previous vote on security cameras so each council person could vote their conscience.

McCord stated that maybe we went about the purchase the wrong way but that our hearts were in the right place for the safety of the employees.

McCord said has never seen or received a copy of corrected minutes.

McCord requested legal opinion for clarification of minutes concerning Mayor's request for correction about additional security cameras.

Borsh said minutes by law reflect what was said. Rice did say that mayor and police chief requested additional cameras.

Minutes of October 26<sup>th</sup> will be amended to state. Dewey and Police Chief did not request additional cameras.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Rice to correct and amend minutes as so stated here tonight. Roll call; all ayes.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Bell to transfer \$50,000 from the Income Tax Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: all ayes.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Rice for payment of bills. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias to approve \$300.00 for temporary easement for Wright Enterprises for State Route 36 & 48 traffic signal updates slated for 2010. Roll call: all ayes. (Temporary easements are being worked on by ODOT)

Trick or Treat will be October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Police will be out in full force on bicycles, in cruisers and on foot.

There were approximately 60 kids in the costume judging contest at the park on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Haunted House at Newberry Theater was well attended over the past weekend too.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, reported he has received estimate from Dick Klockner, Engineer, to remedy drainage problem at Buddy Parker's home on South Wall Street for an estimated amount of \$1,500 to \$2,500. This was referred to Street committee because it is part Village problem but not totally Village's problem.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to adopt hiring procedures as presented by Ordinance Committee and have them placed in Employee Policy Manual. Dewey asked if Council wanted to add resumes to hiring procedures. Rice said application is thorough but resumes will be accepted if someone wants to present it with the application. Roll call: all ayes.

Time clock on agenda: Tice said he thought it was tabled at this time. Some companies have time recorders. This will be something for Finance Committee to discuss.

Council mailboxes: The Mayor said new keys have been made for all the council members to have access to community room into council chambers and to their mailboxes which are now located in the copy room. She asked council members to give their old keys to Police Chief and he would give them new keys.

Rice said he was completely confused. At last meeting Mayor said no further monies expended.

The Mayor said she had this done; she thought it was necessary since council members had requested access to their mailboxes; also, so they wouldn't have to go outside to get back into building from community room to council chambers.

Advertising for law director was tabled.

McCord said Council is not ready to advertise for Assistant Fiscal Officer at this time.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Rice to place Executive Session on agenda for tonight's meeting following regular Council meeting. Roll call: all ayes.

No legislation at this time.

Street committee will meet after Council.

Police Chief Harmon reported Rieck had completed the air handling report. The thermostat is on the East side of the building; there should be a sensor installed on the West side of the building at a cost of \$475.00.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman to accept Sam Shaw's resignation from the Police Auxiliary. Roll call: all ayes.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall reported fire department and squad personnel will be handing out treats for Hallowedness at the old fire house located at Spring and South Pearl.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, reported 4x5 foot slab was poured for bench by flagpole.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, reported fall fire hydrant flushing is going well.

Motion by McCord and seconded by Rice for recess of council meeting to have Street Committee meeting. Roll call: all ayes

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Rice to reconvene Council meeting at 8:00. Roll call: all ayes.

Mayor reminded Council of Work Session on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Basye to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:04, Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Tobias to reconvene in regular session at 9:20. Roll call: all ayes.

Following action was taken as result of Executive Session.

There will be a Special-Called Council meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to review audit.

There will be a Finance Committee on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will be an Executive Session for personnel following the Special-called meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.