

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
June 8, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman and Dick Rice. Mayor Gary L. Bell presided at the meeting. Attorney from Shipman & Dixon law firm attended the meeting in absence of Grant Kerber.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Basye to excuse Councilmember Donna K. Dewey from the meeting for medical reasons. Roll call: all ayes.

Note from Councilmember George Karayannis was given to Councilmember stating: "My Job requires that I be out of town this week and will, therefore be unable to attend Monday's Council meeting. Please accept my apologies and have a productive session. Thank You."

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Basye for a blanket excuse for all council members for the May 26th meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Roll call: all ayes.

Mayor Bell stated he has had lung cancer for four weeks and has been undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. The lesions on his brain are gone and the tumors are shrinking. He continues to do the mayoral duties and thanked the department heads, the community and the surrounding communities for their support.

Richard Klockner, Engineer, was present to present plans for first phase of Walnut Street reconstruction project beginning at High Street and East to Harrison Street. Klockner said he has been working on this for past year and feels it is best to have eight inch pipe rather than six inch as originally planned. Eight inch would provide much better pressure and volume especially for fire protection. It would be necessary to cut a trench across High Street in front of Government Center that would be covered with steel plate. They would maintain traffic as best they can. There are no records for size of pipe from High to Pearl on Walnut. Reconstruction would provide all new PVC with all houses tied in; if laterals are good they will use them. There will, also, be new curbs and sidewalks and new storm sewer.

Estimated cost from Klockner for Plan A is \$284,379.00; estimated cost for Plan B is \$298,699.00

Council will review this.

Minutes for previous meetings were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman for transfer of \$25,000 from Income Tax Fund to the General Fund. Roll call: all ayes.

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

Correspondence included Work Ready Community literature from Rose Hemm and correspondence about interest in Main Street Program from Jay Wackler, Covington Chamber President and Councilmember Karayannis. Also, information about Green Enterprise Zone in Wilmington was included in the packets.

Mayor Bell informed Council there are three certified lifeguards who have applied to work at the park pool. He recommended employing all three so the pool could be open seven days a week, weather permitting, and not present a hardship on anyone. The three persons are: Madison Dunlevy, Matthew Ryan and Margaret Ryan.

Bell asked that all be employed contingent on background check.

Pool is in compliance with Virginia Graeme Baker Safety Act; Patterson Pool form Columbus installed the drain cover and safety vacuum release switch. Mayor authorized this work be done so the pool could be open. Cost for work from Patterson was approximately \$1,500.

Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Rice to hire all three certified lifeguards at a rate of \$8.15 an hour. Roll call: all ayes.

Street/Alley resurfacing bids for 2009 were reviewed. Lowest apparent bidder was Walls Brothers at cost of \$47,654.86. Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, said he had not worked with them in eight years he has been here. Tobias asked if he had any issues with them. Kendig said no.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman to accept bid from Walls Brothers at cost of \$47,654.86. Roll call: all ayes.

Other bids received were from Wagner paving with bid of \$48,105.00 and Freisther Paving with bid of \$47,654.86.

Council agreed to meet with BPA after the July 13th meeting.

There was no Police and Fire Committee meeting prior to Council meeting.

Chamber meeting is Tuesday, June 9, at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.

Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Rice, Lands & Buildings Committee Chairman, informed Council the committee had met and discussed the roof on the Government Center. There are little holes in it as if burned by little embers. There was also discussion about heat tape for the scuppers. Reich Engineering was contacted to look at heating and air conditioning for the building. They said they would conduct thorough review of HVAC at cost of \$400.00 with one year warranty.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded Basye to have Reich Engineering do HVAC review at cost of \$400.00. Roll call: all ayes.

Roof holes can be repaired at cost not to exceed \$1,250.00 which committee agreed should be done.

There was discussion from Lands & Building Committee concerning the Joe Thompson plaque for flutophone invention being erected on the South side of the Building. There is a local family who wants to donate bench and this area would be deemed a possible site for both.

Each year the park is losing trees. This has been talked about in the past. Consideration is being given to having a list of possible trees that can be planted with a plaque flush with the ground for persons dedicating tree. Persons would have to sign agreement about life of tree. Lands and Building Committee will work with Park Board on this.

Bell said he meets people everywhere who compliment him on the park. Bell complimented the Park Board and the park custodians for the fine job they do.

Rice informed Council there will be a 175th planning meeting on Thursday, June 18th at the Fire Department training room. Public is invited.

175th anniversary is next year.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to suspend the rules and place Ord. 09-04A, Ohio Basic Code, on Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Rice Ord. 09-04A pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

Police Chief Lee Harmon informed Council the police department took 5h grade Safety Patrol kids to King's Island. Trip is paid with donations.

There has been a spike in car thefts so he advised persons to lock cars.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, said Kyle Boehringer, will be up for his final step raise on July 15th and recommended he pass this. Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Basye for Kyle Boehringer to advance to final step raise. Roll call: all ayes.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall had no report.

Meeting was adjourned with motion from Beeman at 7:30.