

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
July 13, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, R. Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman and Dick Rice. Mayor Donna Kay Dewey presided over the meeting, Grant Kerber, Law Director, was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Mayor Dewey then gave the following opening statement: "It is with sadness that I assume the responsibility of the duties of Mayor, the job Gary loved and did so well. In order to fulfill the things Gary wanted to accomplish, it will take the help and cooperation of the full Council working together as he would want. I ask for your support and help as we move forward through this difficult time."

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias for passing Resolution of Respect and Love for Mayor Gary L. Bell.

"It is with extreme sorrow that the members of Council of the Village of Covington and citizens therein pay tribute to the life of our Mayor.

Whereas: Gary L. Bell served the community of Covington as a Village Councilman for four years and Mayor for five months providing citizens and council with his utmost attention, loyalty and concern. It was a pleasure and honor to work with him and joy to have him as a member of Council and Mayor. We will miss his intelligence, Pleasant personality, his positive attitude, his counsel and sense of humor. He was a friend to all.

Gary touched the lives of many as principal of the Covington Elementary School and teacher in the local schools. His recent substitute teaching days in the Covington Middle School consisted of many kick-ball games which he and the students thoroughly enjoyed. He, also, served the community as member of the Covington Fire Department and was one of the first volunteers on the Covington Rescue Squad.

Now, Therefore, the members of this body honor Mayor Gary L. Bell and express their sorrow and sympathy to the members of the family.

Gary often used the phrase "In Covington We Care"; he genuinely cared about the community and its residents. He worked to have "Covington, One of Ohio's Finest Villages." He had many tasks he wanted to complete and some he didn't get to initiate. Now, Gary, it is up to us to "Git r Done."

Signed by Marc Basye, Doris Beeman, R. Scott Tobias, Dick Rice, Donna Kay Dewey, George Karayannis, Kay McKinney and Grant Kerber.

Roll call on resolution: all ayes.

Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Basye nominating Dick Rice as Council President.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman nominations be closed. Roll call: all ayes.

Vote on motion for Rice to be Council President: Basye, yes, Tobias, yes; Beeman, yes; Rice, abstain.

Letters of interest and/or resume should be sent to Covington Government Center by 12:00 noon on July 27th.

Kerber said if Council does not fill the position within 30 days, then the Mayor appoints a councilperson.

There will be a Workshop on August 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Police & Fire Committee will meet after the August 10th Council meeting.

Lois A. Newman thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for their help when car went through her garage.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to transfer \$50,000 from the 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.

E-mail from Councilmember Karayannis was read " I regret to inform you that I will be out of town traveling on business and unable to attend the July 13th Council meeting. While I am unable to vote, I strongly support a resolution honoring Mayor Bell. Thank you. I will do my best to ensure my attendance at the July 27th Council meeting. Sincerely, George "

Rice said since roof on Government Center has been repaired, he would suggest in thirty days we get someone to correct the interior of the Police Clerk's office.

Rice said hospitalization for employees had been increased four percent (4%) over last year's premium. Most other communities have had 30-40% increases.

Anthem has changed plans; however, the one quoted is very similar with a few changes. Emergency Room deductible was increased; urgent care, and mental health deductibles also increased. There has been a new tier added to prescription drugs.

McGohan Brabender representative, Susan Slate, will meet with employees on Thursday, July 16th to explain new plan id so approved by Council.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to renew hospitalization coverage with Anthem. Roll call: all ayes.

Fiscal officer assistant was tabled until job descriptions are reviewed. Work session will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 6:30 for review.

Police and Fire committee met prior to Council meeting tonight. Dewey informed Council Marc Basye is now Chairman of the committee.

Chief Harmon gave update on activities. He has received grant from Attorney General's office in the amount of \$6,000 toward pay for School Resource Officer
Auxiliary officers were briefly discussed.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall asked that council stay with 8" water mains when reconstructing streets.

Council and BPA will meet after Council meeting in Work Session.

Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday, July 14th at 8:00 a.m. at Buffalo Jack's.

Planning and Zoning Board meets Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Government Center.

175th Anniversary committee meets Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department training room.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to adopt the 2010 Budget. Roll call: all ayes.

Fiscal Officer pointed out income Tax is down \$34,000 from last year at this time.

Chief Harmon said National Night Out is August 4th in Troy beginning at 5:30

They have not completed security work at pbm.

Chief Harmon recommended Patrolman Phil Osting and Chris Walters be promoted to next step. Both are doing a good job.

Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to promote Osting to Patrolman #1, Step 2. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Rice Walters be promoted to Patrolman 2, Step 1. Roll call: all ayes.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, had no report for tonight's meeting.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, thanked the Street Department and Police Department for their help during the recent main break on North High Street.

Dewey thanked the departments for working together.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28.n was made by