

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
September 14, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, Dick Rice, Edward L. McCord and Ann Bell. Mayor Donna Kay Dewey presided at the meeting. Lenee Brosch from the law firm of Shipman, Dixon & Livingston was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Minutes of August 24th and 31st were approved as written.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to transfer \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Street Fund. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias for payment of the bills in the amount of \$124,256.24 and to bill Board of Public Affairs for their share of repair work in front of VFW (water main break) done by Finrock Construction in the amount of \$5,275.00. Roll call: all ayes.

Elaine Christian, Income Tax Collector, in a written report stated cumulative income tax collections are \$48,326.06 less for the then the same time last year. This is approximately \$7,000 better than last month. (Last month collections were done over \$55,000 from the same period last year.)

Invitation has been received for Mayor and Council members to ride in Fort Rowdy parade on October 3rd. Mayor asked council members to advise her if they can participate. Entry deadline is September 20th.

Rice informed Council approximately 5-6 years ago Council had discussed deeding land inherited from DP&L to the Miami County Park District. The 14.57 is land along Covington Gettysburg Road to Rangeline Road. Rice said he will talk with Park District about this; it would be nice for nature trails.

Bids were opened on Wednesday, September 2nd for the Walnut Street Phase I, Reconstruction/Renovation Project with the following bids received:

Star Excavating	\$374,109.00
VTF Excavating	\$335,804.50
Finrock Construction	\$299,000.00

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Tobias to accept Finrock Construction's bid in the amount of \$299,000 for Walnut Street, Phase I Project. Roll call: all ayes.

Quote has been received from Rieck for balancing air/heat in the government center. Rice said it is a major job to change from heat to air conditioning for the building. Motion was made by Rice and seconded by McCord to accept quote of \$1,830.00 from Rieck for balancing heat/air in the government center. Roll call: all ayes.

Quote has been received from Junior's Tree Service for \$150.00 to remove large limb at park brushing on the roof of the large shelter.

Motion was made by rice and seconded by Beeman to accept quote from Junior's Tree Service to remove limb with proof of insurance. Roll call: all ayes.

Board of Public Affairs is asking Council's permission to conduct income survey among 300 random residents in an attempt to qualify for CDBG funding for lift stations at the park and larger war line in area of new fire station.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendant, informed Council fire department is hooked into a four inch line. They are getting pressure fluctuations; there should a minimum of six line out there for fire suppression

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias supporting the Board of Public Affairs' efforts in the income survey to help obtain grants. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Rice to accept 2009 tax rates as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission as follows:

Fund	Mills	Revenue
Ten Mill Limitation		
General Fund	2.80	\$121,426.00
Police Pension	.30	\$ 13,010.00
No Limitation:		
Gen-Exp TY 13	1.60	\$ 17,372.00
Gen-Exp TY'13	2.20	\$ 85,367.00

Roll call on motion accepting tax rates: all ayes.

Police and Fire Committee met prior to Council meeting. Committee Chairman Basye said he had nothing to report at this time.

Special Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the State Auditor's representative to review audit.

175ty Anniversary committee will meet on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Planning & Zoning Board will meet on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Rice reported on the recent Lands & Building Committee meeting. Committee recommends accepting Gary Lavey's quote of \$270.00 with proof of insurance to repair ceiling and wall in Police Clerk's office.

Rice said Lands & buildings had also discussed security system for the building. This, Rice said, was discussed at the implementation of the building renovation but was decided against at the time due to cost.

Committee has received an estimate for \$7,535 for interior exterior cameras and microphones. Committee reviewed this estimate and recommends to Council.

The Mayor said other security systems should be contacted and other prices obtained before accepting this recommendation.

Rice said ADP will be a lot higher.

The Mayor said other quotes should be obtained from other security companies.

She is not opposed to security system but does feel other quotes should be provided.

Rice said getting quotes from Burns and ADP would be higher as you are paying for the name.

Beeman asked if there were other monthly fees associated with this.

Rice said there would be capability of burning DVD's from it. There is a one year guarantee with the price

Dewey asked about the 16 channel viewable by internet.

Rice said this is standard on system. You would have to have code to view it and this would have to be approved by Council. All employees would be made aware of system.

Police Chief Lee Harmon asked about public records law; video itself released to public, children making claims against uncharged adult? What does Police Department have to provide?

Brosch said nothing would be public record; you are already documenting.

Who would have access to what is happening in building?

Rice said all law enforcement agencies have security systems, citing Piqua, Tipp City and Miami County.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias to purchase security system at price of \$7,535.00.

McCord said since motion was made he would like to discuss this further. Village is \$48,000 less in income tax collections for the year and he would like the opportunity to think about this. Also, if we are going to vote on it, it should have been on the agenda. He did not feel prepared to vote on it at this time,

Dewey said it should have been on agenda to have vote, reminding council they wanted items on agenda as was mention at previous meeting.

Basye said security system was part of Lands & Building Committee report distributed to Council in their packets.

McCord said it should have been on agenda; no other organization would spend \$7,535 without giving it some thought and having it on agenda.

Roll call on motion: all ayes.

Rice asked chairs for Executive Room be placed on agenda for next meeting.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Bell to place Res. 03-09 on Emergency Legislation authorizing the Mayor to seek OPWC funding for Walnut Street, Phase II. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Basye Res. 03-09 Pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

Chief Harmon said letter will be sent to property owner of 603 East Spring Street advising them to mow weeds and clean up property. If not taxes will be assessed.

Chief Harmon also advised Council they are permitted to have Executive Session to discuss security matters.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendant, reported all went well with High Street repairs done by Finrock Construction.

Bill Westfall, fire Chief presented application for addition to fire roster from Matt McCord. This would add person to daytime shift.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Basye to add Matt McCord to fire roster with usual one year probationary period. Roll call: Basye; yes; Tobias, yes; Beeman, yes; Rice, yes; McCord, abstain; Bell, yes.

Tobias asked repairs be added to next meeting's agenda from Planning & Zoning Board.

Also, Police department's job descriptions should be added to policy manual should be on next meeting's agenda.

Finance Committee will meet after next Council meeting on September 28th.

Motion was made By Bell to adjourn at 7:53.