

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2023

Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

- Jesse Reynolds
- Amy Welborn
- Julie Blumenstock
- Keith Warner
- Derrick Canan

Council Members Absent and Excused:

- Dawn Duff

Non-member Staff participating:

- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (August 22, 2023)
- Approval of Special Council Minutes (August 28, 2023)

Mayor Ed McCord asked if there were any questions or comments by Council. There were none. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hinkelman discussed the Ft. Rowdy Gathering which occurred over the previous weekend and thanked the organizers and all who attended the event. He noted he would meet with the organizers to understand what can be done more effectively for next year's event.

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Old Business

Resolution R27-23 – Adopting Miami County Hazard Mitigation Plan Five-Year Update.

Mr. Hinkelman noted that this is the third reading and there are no changes to the proposed Resolution.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

A motion to approved Resolution R27-23 was made by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution R29-23 – Adopting a Name for a Roadway

Mr. Hinkelman noted that this is the second reading and there are no changes to the proposed Resolution. He reminded everyone that the proposed name would be Buccaneer Way. Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any questions on the proposed Resolution and there were none.

Mr. Hinkelman stated this is the second reading of Resolution R29-23 and the third and final reading will be September 18, 2023.

Resolution R31-23 – Authorizing the Village Administrator to accept a bid for Schoolhouse Park – Main Pavilion / Splashpad.

Mr. Hinkelman noted that this was the second reading and there were no changes to the proposed Resolution.

Ms. Welborn noted that she had concerns about the potential contractor, due to her experience working at the library. She noted that since Mr. Patrizio is not at the meeting, that she would discuss it with him first.

Mr. Hinkelman asked that Council gather any additional questions they have about the resolution, and he would work with Mr. Patrizio to get answers to those questions prior to the third reading on September 18.

Mr. Hinkelman was asked if any of the bidders were local. Mr. Hinkelman noted that the three bidders were Westerheide, from Sidney; Muhlenkamp, from Coldwater; and Arcon Builders, from Arcanum.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none. He noted the third and final reading will be held September 18, 2023.

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New Business

Resolution R32-23 – Accepting the Miami County Rates of Tax

Mr. Hinkelman discussed Resolution R32-23 which is an annual resolution passed by the Village accepting the County rates of tax for 2024. He noted that the County estimates that \$161,149.10 will be generated by the 2.8 mill inside millage, \$17,319.55 for the 0.30 mill Police Pension, \$68,428.81 for the 1.6 mill General Levy, \$94,089.61 for the 2.2 mill General Levy, and \$106,920.01 for the 2.5 mill Fire & EMS levy. He also noted that the Local Government Fund estimate for 2024 is \$2,000 less than what was receive in 2023.

He reminded Council that the two general fund levies noted will end after 2024 and not be replaced. A new Fire & EMS levy will be on the ballot in November for consideration by our community which will cover the cost of the contract for Fire services within the Village.

Joyce Robertson, 201 Lindsay Street, asked if the Village is seeing larger tax receipts due to the increase in property tax values in Miami County. Mr. Hinkelman responded that the Village was, but that it was limited as the majority of property taxes paid go to other entities, like the school district. He noted that the Village has a page on their website which breaks down where your property taxes go in Covington, noting that the Village gets a small percentage, and the majority of that funding goes to the Fire & EMS services contract.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R32-23 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution R32-23 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes, motion carried.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Ms. Welborn noted she felt it was nice to see the School Resource Officer helping the Covington 3rd graders get to Ft. Rowdy for their experience and thanked Officer McNeil.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Canan. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor

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