

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2026

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

Council Members Present:

- Derrick Canan
- Jesse Reynolds
- Steven Blei
- Martin Leistner
- Amy Welborn

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Lisa Cavender – Fiscal Officer
- David Friend – Police Chief

Excused Absence:

- Julie Blumenstock

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (July 6, 2026, Meeting)
- June Check Report
- June Fund Report/YTD Fund Report
- June Balancing Report
- June Income Tax Report

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harmon presented a plaque to Mr. Cline, former Police Chief, to recognize his eleven years of service to the Village of Covington.

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges thanked the staff, library, and the historical society for a wonderful America 250 event. There was a great turnout and everyone had a good time. He gave council an update on the Broadway project noting that they are currently working on concrete and curbs and they are hoping to be done by the middle of August.

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Ordinance 12-26 – An ordinance creating a school zone for traffic purposes.

Mr. Hodges stated this resolution would create the school zone at Chestnut Street that council has discussed at the last few meetings. The school zone has now been approved by ODOT and the village can move forward with the plans.

Solicitor Patrizio asked council to waive the three-reading rule so that hopefully all the work for the school zone can be completed before school starts in August.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 12-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 12-26 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Chief Friend stated Miami County has changed a lot since he had been here last. He has spent his first few weeks getting up to speed with budget meetings, LEADS testing, and Spillman system training. Many have stopped by the office to wish him well at the village.

Ms. Welborn stated that AES is asking PUCO for a multi-year price increase and she has concerns, along with many residents, regarding the potential impact this price increase would have on Covington residents. She would like to see council pass a resolution stating their opposition to the rate increase to submit to PUCO. After discussion, everyone agreed and Jordan will draft a resolution for the next meeting.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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