COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 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
- Amy Welborn
- Martin Leistner
- Julie Blumenstock

Non-member Staff participating:

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

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (September 21, 2026, Meeting)

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

Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges gave an update regarding the conference room stating that the studs are up and the electrical work is being looked at in a few days and after that the drywall and door will go up. He noted that the offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th, the splashpad closes on October 16th, leaf pickup will begin October 13th, and Trick or Treat is October 29th 6pm-8pm.

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

Ordinance 13-26 – An ordinance for operating or riding on an electric bicycle, electric scooter, or electric personal assistive mobility device.
Mr. Hodges stated that this ordinance is the second reading to enact rules and regulations regarding a helmet safety law while operating e-bikes, e-scooters, or electric personal assistive mobility devices. He noted this has been amended from the first reading to state that it does not apply to motorized wheelchairs.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Ordinance 15-26 – An ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance 01-16 regulating vehicular parking on High Street and city owned municipal parking lots.
Mr. Hodges stated this is the second reading of this ordinance and the only change is the parking time for village owned lots. The current no parking time from 11pm – 5am is being changed to 2am – 5am.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Ordinance 16-26 – An ordinance repealing and replacing the High Street Banner Program with The Banner Program within the Village of Covington.
Mr. Hodges stated this is the second reading to replace the current program to allow the village to put the Hometown Heroes banners on other poles throughout the village in addition to the poles on High Street. This version has been amended to allow the banners to remain in place longer through December.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Resolution 44-26 – A resolution to adopt a Cybersecurity Program pursuant to R.C. 9.64.
Mr. Hodges explained that in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the village is required to adopt a cybersecurity program to safeguard public data and information technology resources. The village would like to adopt the NIST Cybersecurity Framework which is the generally accepted best practice.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Resolution 45-26 – A resolution declaring certain equipment and materials as surplus and authorizing the Village Administrator to dispose of said equipment.
Mr. Hodges explained that the resolution would allow him to dispose of obsolete equipment and materials. The village will hold an auction for all items in the old Sellman's building in November.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Resolution 46-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to accept a donation.
Hodges explained that this is the second reading and it will allow him to accept a tree donation from the Alpha Garden Club to be planted in Schoolhouse Park.

A motion to amend Resolution 46-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 46-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution 47-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Covington Events Association.
Mr. Hodges explained that this is the second reading of the resolution which would allow him to enter into a MOU for event management and coordination with the Covington Events Association.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

Resolution 48-26 – A resolution authorizing the clerk to approve an application for agricultural district.
Mr. Hodges explained that this is the second reading of this resolution. He explained that the village received an application from the Miami County Auditor's office requesting approval of agricultural property. This approval would permit a reduction of taxes for agricultural property.

Third reading will be October 19, 2026.

New Business

Resolution 49-26 – A resolution authorizing and naming of the amphitheater within the park as the Roy J Weikert Amphitheater and the Premier Health UVMC Community Benefit Fund Plaza.
Mr. Hodges explained that this is the first reading of this resolution. It would authorize the naming of the new amphitheater and the plaza in recognition of the funding assistance provided for the project.

Second reading will be October 19, 2026.

Council also approved the special event application for Covington Hometown Christmas.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Chief Friend noted he had his first Chief's Advisory Council meeting at the school stating it was a nice meeting with students asking him questions to break the ice. Their next meeting they will discuss their thoughts on flock cameras. He also stated the costume contest brochure has been completed and provided to the schools for distribution.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Lee Harmon, Mayor

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Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

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Martin Leistner, President of Council