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AUGUST 20, 2024 – MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order- Mayor
- II. Roll Call / Verified
 - Seat 1- Marcos Soto - present
 - Seat 2 – Melisa Hunt – present
 - Seat 3 – April Bradshaw - present
 - Seat 4 – Brian Stahl – present
 - Seat 5 – James Davis - present
- III. Invocation – Brian Stahl
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Presentations and or Citizen Comments – Jolene Barton
- VI. Approval of July 16, 2024 minutes – Brian Stahl made the motion to approve, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.
- VII. Water Department Report -None
- VIII. City Secretary Report -None
- IX. Attorney Report – None
- X. Mayor Report - None

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Marcos Soto made the motion to move forward on S. Barrons low water pressure project and obtain 3 bids, Brian Stahl 2nd, Motion carried- 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Presentation by Ray Hicks with, SPI an engineering service firm – No Action
- II. Presentation by Kevin Erickson, on risk management and insurance liability – No Action

III. Marcos Soto made the motion to accept Shell Energy as the energy provider, Brian Stahl 2nd – Motion carried 5/0 - Motion rescinded regarding Shell by Marcos Soto, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

IV. Marcos Soto made the motion to accept National 1 Energy as broker for the city of Covington and accept the energy provider, currently Shell, that offers the lowest rate for the longest term, Brian Stahl 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

V. Marcos Soto made the motion to accept proposal of 0.2034 as the Hill County property tax rate, April Bradshaw 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

VI. April Bradshaw made the motion and proposed the following water rate, Melisa Hunt 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Residential Base water rates
 - City - \$40.00 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,5001 -6,000 (\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 -15,000 (\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons)
15,001 or more (\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons)
plus \$.050 per thousand for the Prairieland Fee
 - Outside City - \$44.00 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,501 – 6,000 (\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 – 15,000 (\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons)
15,001 or more (\$7.70 per 1,000 gallons)
plus \$.050 per thousand for the Prairieland Fee

VII. Marcos Soto made the motion and proposed the following commercial water rate, Brian Stahl 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Commercial Base water rates
 - City - \$82.50 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,5001 -6,000 (\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 -15,000 (\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons)
15,001 or more (\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons)
plus \$.050 per thousand for the Prairieland Fee
 - Outside City - \$90.75 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,501 – 6,000 (\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 – 15,000 (\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons)
15,001 or more (\$7.70 per 1,000 gallons)
plus \$.050 per thousand for the Prairieland Fee

VIII. Brian Stahl made the motion and proposed the following residential wastewater rates, April Bradshaw 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Residential Wastewater rates

- City - \$26.30 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,5001 -6,000 (\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 -15,000 (\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons)
- Outside City - \$28.93 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,501 – 6,000 (\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 – 15,000 (\$7.70 per 1,000 gallons)

IX. Brian Stahl made the motion and proposed the following commercial wastewater rates, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Commercial Wastewater rates

- City - \$55.00 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,5001 -6,000 (\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 -15,000 (\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons)
- Outside City - \$60.50 (up to 2,500 gallons)
2,501 – 6,000 (\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons)
6,001 – 15,000 (\$7.70 per 1,000 gallons)

X. Brian Stahl made the motion to keep water and sewer tap fees the same -no change, Melisa Hunt 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

XI. April Bradshaw made the motion and proposed the following Residential garbage rates, Melisa Hunt 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Residential garbage rates

- City - \$13.53
Extra cart fee -\$6.68
- Outside City - \$27.09
Extra cart Fee - \$13.58

XII. Brian Stahl made the motion and proposed the following Commercial garbage rates, April Bradshaw 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. Commercial garbage rates
 - \$26.48 Flat rate
 - Extra cart fee -\$11.12

XIII. April Bradshaw made the motion and proposed the following Dumpster rates, Melisa Hunt 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

1. 1 PICK- UP PER WEEK

- \$94.34 – 2 YD
- \$112.18 – 3 YD
- \$143.00 – 4 YD
- \$170.82 – 6 YD
- \$251.90 – 8 YD

2. 2 PICK-UPS PER WEEK

- \$154.42 – 2 YD
- \$174.25 – 3 YD
- \$251.94 – 4 YD
- \$284.44 – 6 YD
- \$503.87 – 8 YD

3. EXTRA PICK-UPS

- \$50.60 – 2 YD
- \$60.17 – 3 YD
- \$76.70 – 4 YD
- \$91.63 – 6 YD
- \$135.11 – 8 YD
- \$20.33 – Locking Bars

XIV. Brian Stahl made the motion to add 10% to roll-off rates, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

XV. Marcos Soto made the motion to publish City Budget Summary as presented to Council, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

XVI. Brian Stahl made the motion to revise city office hours to half day on Fridays unless required to remain open due to an emergency situation, April Bradshaw 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

XVII. Agenda item IX - Chad and Brie McGowan building project - **Cancelled**

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:39pm.

I. Marcos Soto made the motion to adjourn to executive session, Brian Stahl 2nd Motion carried 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of Covington reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.071 – Consultation with Attorney; §551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property; §551.073 – Deliberations about Gifts and Donations; §551.074 – Personnel Matters; §551.076 – Deliberations about Security Devices; and §551.087 – Economic Development. All items listed are eligible for Council discussion and/or action.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:21 pm.

II. Brian Stahl made the motion to adjourn from executive session, James Davis 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

James Davis made the motion to adjourn, Melisa Hunt 2nd, Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Erickson, Mayor

