

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING TOWN OF COVINGTON

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Oklahoma Statutes 25, and Sections 301-314 and in accordance with the posted agenda, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Covington held the regular scheduled meeting August 5, 2026, in the Municipal Building, Covington, Oklahoma.

1. Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Prayer was given by Mayor Snyder.
3. The pledge of allegiance was said in unison.
4. Roll call indicated the following trustees present declaring a quorum: Mayor Jack Snyder, Presiding. Vice Mayor, Mistie Thayer. Trustees: Zach Chartier and Neil Kirk. Others present: Krystle Winters, Town Clerk; Randy West, Police Chief; Mike Schram, Street & Alley. Absent: Trustee Zandy Halcomb; Tiffany Metcalfe, Town Treasurer.
5. Kirk made a motion and seconded by Chartier to approve the July 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, absent; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, yes.
6. Chartier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, seconded by Kirk. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, absent; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, yes.
7. Approval of purchase orders for payment
 1. General Fund – Thayer made a motion and seconded by Chartier to approve the purchase orders in the amount of \$7,059.87. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, absent; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, yes.
 2. Fire Dept. Donation Fund – N/A
 3. Street & Alley – N/A
 4. Restricted Fund – N/A
 5. Grant Fund – N/A
8. Public Forum- A citizen addressed the Board with concerns regarding a property located near his residence. He expressed concern and requested action, as the property has remained on the top of the Town's code violation list for 14 months. He asked to follow up on his formal written complaint that was submitted on April 2, 2026, and wanted to know why his complaint was never acknowledged. He also stated that if the matter continued, he would have to pursue other avenues, as stated in the written complaint. The Mayor responded that the Town has a lack of funds. Discussion continued about the Town's responsibilities and liabilities. It was asked to the Mayor who would be paying for the damages the citizen continues to receive, and the Mayor stated he can pay his own damages or take it up with the homeowner. The citizen stated he would just file a tort claim against the city to get his money back. The Mayor then directed his look and comment towards the Town Clerk regarding her employment and stated, "you like your job, don't you?" The Town Clerk then advised that this was inappropriate and reiterated to the Board that this avenue does exist and is an option for the citizen, and that her comment concerning potential liability were made while performing her duties and were intended to inform of potential legal consequences associated with failure to address a known matter. No formal action was taken by the Board concerning the Town Clerk's employment.
9. Kirk made a motion, seconded by Chartier to approve an agreement between the City of Garber and the Town of Covington, Oklahoma, authorizing law enforcement assistance and mutual aid. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, absent; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, yes.
10. Report of Department Heads
 1. **STREET & ALLEY**
 2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**
 3. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
11. Other New Business.
12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members.
13. At 7:21 p.m., Kirk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chartier. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, absent; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, yes.