

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2013**

Council President O'Keefe called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: John Callahan, Jerry Coner, Mark Wright, Rick Smith, Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: Larry Rolling

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cooper.

APPEARER:

Alan Zaunbrecher, candidate for Judge, 22nd JDC, appeared to introduce himself to the Council and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the consent calendar with the re-wording of the first three paragraphs of Item No. 2013-04-01 as follows:

"WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, supports the Mayor and Administration's desire to maintain a safe and competent work environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Covington supports the Mayor and Administration in recognizing the importance of maintaining an up-to-date Handbook for City employees; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems that the Mayor and Administration desire that the Employee Handbook should be updated to serve as a guide for the employer/employee relationship; and"

Seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. Absent: Rolling. The consent calendar was adopted with the re-wording of the first three paragraphs of Item No. 2013-04-01 as set out above.

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Items to be voted on:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-03-03 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington in Support of the Lease Agreement Entered Into Between the City of Covington and CLECO Power LLC (Alexius)**

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-03-03.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Wright. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-03-03, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-03-03. Absent: Rolling. Item No. 2013-03-03 was adopted.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-03-04 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Lease With 3 G Investments, LLC (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-03-04.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Smith. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-03-04, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-03-04. Absent: Rolling. Item No. 2013-03-04 was adopted.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-03-05 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Lease With Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany, Inc. (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-03-05.

Councilman Smith made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Coner. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-03-05, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-03-05. Absent: Rolling. Item No. 2013-03-05 was adopted.

New Business

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council to Confirm Rollovers from the 2012 Budget to the 2013 Budget (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-11.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-11, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-11. Absent: Rolling. Resolution No. 2013-11 was adopted.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Acknowledging Receipt and Compliance With Questionnaire From the Legislative Auditor's Office (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-12.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-12, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-12. Absent: Rolling. Resolution No. 2013-12 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A --

Councilman Callahan announced that VFW Post 7286 will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, April 5th beginning at 11 A.M. Also, Mt. Zion and Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church will be offering free dinners on the 3rd Saturday of the month beginning at 11 A.M.

2. District B --

Councilman Coner acknowledged the April birthdays for City employees.

3. District C --

Councilman Wright announced that the Golf Tournament sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee has been postponed until Monday, June 3, 2013.

4. District D --Councilman Rolling was absent.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith mentioned that the CPOC Committee is working on a list of needed repairs at the parks and will submit it to Administration.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman Alexius announced the upcoming events in April as listed on the City's website. Also, he mentioned there was a bid opening on the replacement of the sewer lift station on Carolina Court. Also, he thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Council President O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he mentioned that the sales tax collections through the first two months of 2013 are excellent.

7. At Large (President) -- None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) Upcoming event - Saturday, April 20th, the St. Tammany Art Association will host "Spring for Art".
- (b) He thanked everyone involved with the Mt. Pilgrim dinner program and encouraged the public to attend the next event on April 20th.
- (c) He gave an update on City projects.
- (d) He announced that the City won the district competition in the Cleanest City Contest and will compete on the State level in the near future.

Councilman Alexius mentioned that the Employee Handbook which was introduced this evening is available for review in the Council office.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

Mrs. Hayes gave an overview and led a discussion on the recent changes to the FEMA flood maps and the National Flood Insurance Program.

Mrs. Hayes gave an update on the recent legislation regarding the CDL loan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Wright made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to go into Executive Session. Absent: Rolling.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:57 P.M.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to come out of Executive Session. Absent: Rolling.

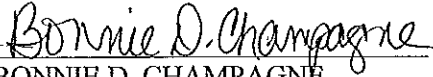
Council came out of Executive Session at 7:28 P.M.

Council President O'Keefe stated the Executive Session was to discuss pending litigation and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.



R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council