

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2013**

Council President Alexius called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: None.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rick Murphy.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-07-01** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Enlarging the Boundaries of the City of Covington, Louisiana, Describing the Area to be Annexed and Added Thereto and Also Classifying This Property as RM-2 (Multifamily Residential) and CR (Regional Commercial) as the Base Zoning Districts With a PCUD (Planned Combined Use District) Overlay District Under the Zoning Laws of the City of Covington (Zoning Case 13-06-01ANNEX) (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-07-01.

Councilman Wright 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 Wright made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-07-01, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-07-01. Item No. 2013-07-01 was adopted.

New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-22** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming Jan Butler as the District D Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment to Fill an Unexpired Term (Rolling)

Councilman Rolling led a discussion on Resolution No. 2013-22.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-22, seconded by **Councilman Coner**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-22. Resolution No. 2013-22 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A -- None.
2. District B --

Councilman Coner recognized the August birthdays for City employees. Also, his scripture reading was Proverbs 23, verse 7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

3. District C --

Councilman Wright mentioned that the initial meeting of the Inspector General Task Force was held recently at which time a chairperson was elected. He will keep the Council updated on all future meetings.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling mentioned that plans are underway for the third business resource workshop scheduled in October. Additional information will be available at the next Council meeting.

5. District E -- None.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman O'Keefe requested that the City post the hours of the 4th Avenue (Menetre) boat launch for public information. Also, he suggested that the signal lights on E. Boston Street be adjusted to allow right turns on red at most intersections.

7. At Large (President) --

Council President Alexius thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Councilmen O'Keefe and Smith this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he gave a recap of the P&Z meeting held last night.

Clarence Romage, a citizen in Covington, reported that patches are needed on the 4th Avenue (Menetre) boat ramps.


B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He will address the operating hours of the Menetre boat launch;
- (b) DOTD has been notified about the signalization problems on Boston Street and will review the matter;
- (c) He commented that the new Covington Clinic will be a great development to put the former Forest Manor building back into commerce;
- (d) He mentioned that preparation of the 2014 budget is ongoing and the proposed budget will be ready for introduction in September; and
- (e) He discussed the next road improvement project.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council