

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 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 Ms. Joy Hobart.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the United States,  
Herbert Hoover.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman Wright objected to Item No. 2013-12-01 appearing on the consent calendar. Item No. 2013-12-01 was removed from the consent calendar and placed under the Regular Agenda, New Business, for discussion.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt the consent calendar with the elimination of Item No. 2013-12-01, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call: Yeas - 6; Nays - 1 (Coner) to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted with the elimination of Item No. 2013-12-01.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Unfinished Business**

Items to be voted on:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-11-01** -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Appendix B, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 3. Use Districts, Section 3.15. CO Commercial Office/Professional (Zoning Case No. 13-10-05TXT) (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-11-01.

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

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-11-01, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-11-01. Item No. 2013-11-01 was adopted.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-11-02 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the 2013 Budget for Grants and Unanticipated Expenditures (Alexius)**

**Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-11-02.**

**Councilman O'Keefe 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 Smith made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-11-02, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-11-02. Item No. 2013-11-02 was adopted.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-11-03 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Underground Servitude Agreement With CLECO Power LLC (Alexius)**

**Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-11-03.**

**Councilman O'Keefe 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 Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-11-03, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-11-03. Item No. 2013-11-03 was adopted.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-11-04 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 83 Fees, to Add Article IV. Miscellaneous Fees (Alexius)**

**Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-11-04.**

**Councilman Rolling 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 Smith made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-11-04, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-11-04. Item No. 2013-11-04 was adopted.**

**New Business**

**1. Items removed from consent calendar:**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF ITEM NO. 2013-12-01 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Street Name Change of Voss Alley to Alex Coner Way (Coner)**

**Councilman Wright led a discussion on Item No. 2013-12-01.**

**Councilman Coner made a motion to introduce Item No. 2013-12-01. Due to the lack of a second, the motion to introduce Item No. 2013-12-01 failed. Item No. 2013-12-01 was not introduced.**

## **COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Council District and Committee Reports**

#### **1. District A --**

**Councilman Callahan** announced that the Veterans Center's annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the VFW Hall Post 3267, 1133 Hickory Avenue, Harahan.

#### **2. District B --**

**Councilman Coner** recognized the December birthdays for City employees. Also, he expressed his condolences on the recent passing of President Nelson Mandela and read one of President Mandela's quotes.

#### **3. District C --**

**Councilman Wright** gave an recap of the recent St. Tammany Parish Inspector General Task Force meeting.

#### **4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** announced that three businesses applied for occupational licenses in November. Upcoming events: Deck the Rails will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Trailhead from 4 P.M. until dusk. Also, there will be a District D meeting in January and the date will be announced at the next Council meeting. He commented that 2013 was a great year for the City and he thanked the Council, Bicentennial Committee and Administration for planning all of the wonderful events.

#### **5. District E --**

**Councilman Smith** reminded everyone that there will be a District E meeting on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Also, he congratulated the Covington High School football team for their outstanding season. Also, he thanked the Fire and Police departments for inviting him to their Christmas party. Also, he reminded everyone about the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Police Department.

#### **6. At Large (Vice President) --**

**Councilman O'Keefe** thanked the Administration for their work in planning all of the bicentennial events. Also, he thanked Councilman Rolling for his work in coordinating the bicentennial parade.

#### **7. At Large (President) --**

**Council President Alexius** mentioned there are two sign requests on the Historic District Commission's agenda this evening. Also, he gave a recap of the recent "kickoff" meeting of the Covington Heritage Foundation. Also, he thanked the citizens of Covington, the Council, Mayor and Administration for their work during this year.

### **B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

#### **1. Mayor Cooper's comments:**

- (a) He thanked the Council for a great year;
- (b) He thanked his staff for all of their work during the past year;
- (c) He commended the local high school athletes for their outstanding year;
- (d) He gave an update on City projects; and
- (e) He thanked the citizens of Covington for their participation in the bicentennial and other events during the past year.

**2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-**

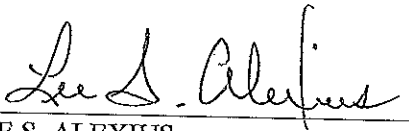
Mrs. Hayes thanked the Mayor and Council for a wonderful year.

Council President Alexius mentioned there will be follow-up meetings in January to discuss Item Nos. 2013-12-03 and 2013-12-04 which were introduced tonight.

Councilman Coner mentioned that he filed a report with the Police Department concerning some graffiti that was sprayed on his house and he commended the Police Department for the handling of his report.

The Council, Mayor Cooper and the Administration wished the public a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS  
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council