

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 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, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith,
Lee Alexius and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: None.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbie Glover.

APPEARERS:

Mayor Mike Cooper presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to Alisa Faciane and Gina Hayes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing its Mayor to Continue Negotiations With Regard to Determining the Feasibility of Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement With the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to Provide an Improved, Interoperable Communication System in St. Tammany Parish (O'Keefe)

Council President O'Keefe led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-06.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-06, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-06. Resolution No. 2013-06 was adopted.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Use of the Unconstructed West 7th Avenue Between South Jefferson Avenue and South Madison Street as a Driveway (Smith)

Councilman Smith led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-09.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-09, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-09. Resolution No. 2013-09 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A --

Councilman Callahan mentioned there has been vandalism at Peter Atkins Park and asked the public to notify either him or the Police Department with any information. Also, he announced that Mt. Pilgrim Church will be serving dinners on the third Saturday of every month for the remainder of the year.

2. District B -- None.

3. District C --

Councilman Wright commented that he recently spent some time at the Boys and Girls Club and had a great time. He encouraged everyone to visit the facility. Also, he encouraged everyone to participate in the bicentennial events.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling announced there will be an Economic Development Committee meeting on February 27th. Upcoming events: Covington Bicentennial Exhibition Reception at the St. Tammany Art Association on Saturday, March 9th; Sunset at the Landing on Friday, March 15th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; Chef Soiree presented by the Youth Service Bureau on Sunday, March 17th at 5 P.M. at Bogue Falaya Park; AAUW Bicentennial Presentation by Pat Clanton on Covington's history on Thursday, March 21st at 6 P.M. at the Council Chambers; Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, March 22nd from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; Keep Covington Beautiful Bicentennial Garden Walk on Saturday, March 23rd from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M.; and the Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 A.M. until noon at the Trailhead.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith commended the Administration, the State and the contractor for the progress of the overlay project along with the new planters on Boston Street.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman Alexius thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Council President O'Keefe and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, Councilman Alexius gave an update on the sales tax collections; discussed the police retirement system; and announced the next STMA meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6th in Folsom.

7. At Large (President) -- None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He will give a complete report on all City projects at the next Council meeting on March 5th and Daniel Hill, City Engineer, will attend the meeting.
- (b) The contractors are working on the signalization on Boston Street.
- (c) Southern Hotel is moving forward with its permit process.
- (d) Wal-Mart opened last Wednesday.

Mayor Cooper presented a Certificate to Debbie Glover in recognition of her coverage of City affairs for the St. Tammany News.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council