

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 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.

The Invocation was given by Jay Johnston, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President O'Keefe.

APPEARERS:

Council President O'Keefe recognized the Covington Police Officers and Firemen who responded to a fire on December 6, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by **Councilman Wright**. 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. 2013-01-01 --**
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 86 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article I. In General and Chapter 94 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II. Police (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item No. 2013-01-01.

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 Coner made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-01-01, seconded by **Councilman Callahan**.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to table Item No. 2013-01-01. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Roll call to adopt: Yeas: 6; Nays: 1 (Rolling). Item No. 2013-01-01 was adopted.

New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Supporting the Application of a Grant Through the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (Wright)

Mayor Cooper led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-05.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-05, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-05. Resolution No. 2013-05 was adopted.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming the City of Covington's Intent to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement With the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to Provide an Improved, Interoperable Communication System (O'Keefe)

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

Council President O'Keefe withdrew Resolution No. 2013-06 for further study and review.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Use of a Portion of the Unconstructed Extension of S. Louisiana Avenue Between E. 12th Avenue and the Revoked Portion of E. 13th Avenue as a Driveway (Smith)

Councilman Smith led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-07.

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

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Use of the Unconstructed Joiner Street Between W. Edwards Street and W. 31st Avenue as a Driveway (Coner)

Councilman Coner led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-08.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to deny Resolution No. 2013-08, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to deny Resolution No. 2013-08. Resolution No. 2013-08 was denied.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A --

Councilman Callahan thanked everyone who participated in the MLK celebration.

2. District B --

Councilman Coner recognized the February birthdays for City employees. Also, he recognized Ms. Giovingo for her work in creating the City calendar. Also, he commended Administration for the progress of the overlay project.

3. District C --

Councilman Wright commented that he was glad to see so many people providing feedback at the meeting this evening.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling announced that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss a couple of issues and they should have some comments at the March Council meeting. Also, he announced that seven new businesses applied for occupational licenses in January. Upcoming events: Mardi Gras Day parades on Tuesday, February 12th; new business ribbon cuttings on Thursday, February 28th from 9 A.M. until 11 A.M.; Sunset at the Landing on Friday, March 15th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.; and the Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, March 22nd.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith reminded everyone about the CBA meeting tomorrow night at Mac's on Boston at 5:30 P.M. Also, he commended the Public Works Department for the work they did in repairing the recent water main break.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman Alexius thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with he and Council President O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he mentioned that the Finance Committee met in January to discuss several topics.

7. At Large (President) --

Council President O'Keefe thanked the Public Works Department for the job they do for the City. Also, he thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the outstanding job they did last Saturday in handling the crowds for the parade.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports


1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He thanked the Council for recognizing the police officers and firemen who were involved in the rescue incident in December. Also, he commented that combining the dispatchers proved to be effective in this incident.
- (b) He thanked all of the City departments for their work this year and in particular, in preparing the City for Mardi Gras and the Bicentennial celebration.
- (c) He reminded the public that many Bicentennial events are coming up and a list of the events can be found on the City's website.
- (d) He stated that the last appointment to Recreation District #10 Board should be made on Thursday by Parish President Pat Brister.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

- (a) She commended Juan, Adam and Melburn from the Public Works Department for the job they did in repairing the recent water main break.
- (b) She thanked the Public Works Department and Cultural Arts Department for constructing and decorating the reviewing stand on Boston Street. Also, she thanked St. Scholastica Academy for allowing the reviewing stand to be constructed on its property.
- (c) She wished everyone a Happy Mardi Gras.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.


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


BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council