

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2014**

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

Roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: John Callahan and Mark Wright

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Arrowood.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

APPEARERS

Police Chief Tim Lentz presented outstanding service awards to Officer Casey Anthony, Lt. Joey Mayberry, Sgt. Doug Arrowood, Officer Joel Crawford and Communications Officer Tammy Bushnell.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call: Yeas - 5; Absent - 2 (Callahan and Wright) 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. 2013-11-05 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Declaring Surplus Certain Vehicles and Equipment Owned by the City of Covington (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-11-05.

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 Rolling made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-11-05, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 5; Absent - 2 (Callahan and Wright) to adopt Item No. 2013-11-05. Item No. 2013-11-05 was adopted.

2. Councilman Coner made some corrections to an article that appeared in the St. Tammany Farmer newspaper on December 19, 2013. He stated that his father, Alex Coner, did not work for Louis Voss as reported in the December 19th issue of

the St. Tammany Farmer. Mr. Alex Coner managed a coin laundry in a commercial building that was owned by Mr. Voss on North Columbia Street.

New Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Approving the Application of Condrey Southern Hotel, LLC (428 E. Boston Street) for Participation in the Restoration Tax Abatement Program Application Number 20111123 (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on Resolution No. 2014-02.

Councilman Coner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call: Yeas - 5; Absent - 2 (Callahan and Wright) to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02. Resolution No. 2014-02 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. District A -- None.

2. District B --

Councilman Coner recognized the January birthdays for City employees. Also, he announced that he adopted a block on West 29th Avenue between Lee Road and Florida Street and intends to try to keep it litter-free. Also, he encouraged the public to pick up litter and to report anyone who they see littering the streets of Covington.

3. District C -- None.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling announced that four businesses applied for occupational licenses in December. Also, as a recap, he mentioned there were 85 occupational licenses issued in 2013. Upcoming events: Saturday, January 11th at 6 P.M. - the St. John Fools of Misrule Street March beginning at the Tap Room; Saturday, February 22nd -- the Krewe of Olympia parade; and Tuesday, March 4th (Mardi Gras Day) -- Covington Lions Club, Krewe of Covington and the Krewe of Lyra parades.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith reminded everyone there will be a CBA meeting tomorrow at the English Tea Room on Rutland Street at 5:30 P.M. Also, he mentioned that Keep Covington Beautiful will sponsor a seedling giveaway on Saturday, January 18th at the Farmer's Market on Columbia Street. Also, he reminded the public about the Covington Historic District Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers at which time the Commission will review a proposed building plan submitted by St. Scholastica Academy.

6. At Large (Vice President) -- None.

7. At Large (President) --

Council President Alexius thanked the Mayor for meeting with him and Councilman O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

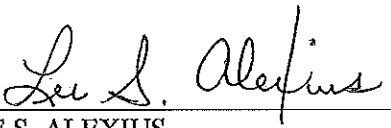
1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

(a) He wished everyone a Happy New Year;

- (b) He announced there will be a new business ribbon cutting on Thursday, January 9th at 11:30 A.M. at the Edward Jones office located at 820 E. Boston Street;
- (c) He discussed the activities planned for the Martin Luther King Holiday on January 20th;
- (d) He mentioned that the public may drop off Christmas trees for recycling at the Parish Fairgrounds or have them picked up curbside on Wednesday, January 22nd; and
- (e) He gave an update on City projects.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-
Mrs. Hayes clarified the process for the sale of surplus items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council