

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 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 Councilman John Givens from the City of Baker, Louisiana.

**APPEARER**

Ms. Mary Toti from the St. Tammany Council on Aging gave a report on the services offered by COAST.

**Mayor Cooper** introduced Councilwoman Joyce Burgess and Councilman John Givens from the City of Baker, Louisiana.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Coner** made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by **Councilman Alexius**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**New Business**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Levying, Imposing and Adopting the Current Millage Rates on all Property Subject to Taxation in the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, for the Year 2013 (Alexius)

**Councilman Alexius** led a discussion on Resolution No. 2013-16.

The public was given an opportunity to make comments on this matter.

**Councilman Alexius** made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2013-16**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**. Roll call was unanimous to **Resolution No. 2013-16**. **Resolution No. 2013-16** was adopted.

**COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**A. Council District and Committee Reports**

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

**3. District C --**

**Councilman Wright** encouraged everyone to attend the program, "History of the African-American Community in Covington" on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 P.M. at the Greater Covington Center.

**4. District D --**

**Councilman Rolling** discussed the plans for the Bicentennial parade scheduled for Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**5. District E --**

**Councilman Smith** reminded everyone of the upcoming events: June 21 -- Sunset at the Landing at 6 P.M.; June 23 -- History of the African-American Community at 4 P.M. at the Greater Covington Center; June 28 -- Columbia Street Block Party at 6:30 P.M.; June 29 -- Bicentennial parade at noon, Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" at 4:30 P.M. and a concert at 6:45 P.M. at the Trailhead; June 30<sup>th</sup> -- "Classic Covington -- Stories Behind the Prints" at 7 P.M. at the St. Tammany Art Association; July 1 -- An Architectural History of the City of Covington at 6:30 P.M. at the Greater Covington Center; July 3 -- Bicentennial Historical Point of View Walking Tour at 6:30 P.M.; and July 4 -- Bicentennial Four on the Fourth Race at 7:30 A.M. and the Bicentennial Celebration at 4 P.M. at the Bogue Falaya Park. Also, the Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Trailhead and every Saturday from 8 A.M. until 12 P.M. on North Theard Street across from the Justice Center.

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

**Councilman Alexius** commented that the July 1<sup>st</sup> program is a repeat presentation by Sally Reeves. Also, he gave an update on the recent CHDC and P&Z meetings. Also, he thanked the Mayor for meeting with him this morning and giving him an update on the affairs of the City.

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

**Council President O'Keefe** led a discussion on the possibility of offering canoe/kayak access on the Bogue Falaya River. Also, he thanked everyone for their cooperation during his year as president of the Council.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

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

- (a) He announced that the unveiling of the commemorative poster for the Bicentennial will be held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. at City Hall.
- (b) He announced that WLAE will host a premiere gala for its documentary on the history of Covington on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Fuhrmann Auditorium.
- (c) He reminded everyone about the Bicentennial Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 A.M. at St. Paul's School.
- (d) He gave an update on City projects.

**Councilman Alexius** reminded everyone that the final Bicentennial Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. at William Pitcher. Also, he mentioned that in 1992, the City Council adopted an official song for the City entitled, "I'm in Love Again With Covington" and it will be presented during some of the bicentennial events.

**Councilman Rolling** led a discussion about the possibility of showing the WLAE documentary on a regular basis at the Trailhead

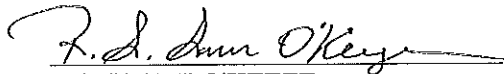
**Councilman Smith** congratulated Greg Salter on his appointment as the new head football coach for Covington High School.

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

**Mrs. Hayes** reminded everyone that there will be a fireworks display after dark on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bogue Falaya Park.

Also, she reminded everyone to register for Alert St. Tammany for emergency notifications.

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



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council