

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 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 Al Courouleau.

**APPEARERS**

Ms. Ella Selmon invited everyone to attend the program entitled "History of the African-American Community in Covington" scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 3:30 P.M. in the Fuhrmann Auditorium of the Greater Covington Center.

Mr. Mark Roberts, Regional Manager for the International Code Council, discussed the history, intent and responsibilities of the International Code Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilman Rolling 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**

**Unfinished Business**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2013-05-01 -- An Ordinance of the City of Covington Revoking a Portion of the Utility Servitude in the Revoked Portion of East 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Between South Vermont Street and South New Hampshire Street, Situated in Lot 5-A, Square 35, Division of Spring, City of Covington, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana (Alexius)**

**Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item No. 2013-05-01.**

**Councilman Alexius made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Rolling. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.**

**Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Item No. 2013-05-01, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item No. 2013-05-01. Item No. 2013-05-01 was adopted.**

## New Business

1. Naming the Official Journal for the City of Covington (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on this matter.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt The St. Tammany Farmer as the Official Journal for the City of Covington for a term of one year, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt The St. Tammany Farmer as the Official Journal for the City of Covington for a term of one year.

## COMMENTS AND REPORTS

### A. Council District and Committee Reports

#### 1. District A --

Councilman Callahan announced that the Clarion Inn will be offering a Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, Mt. Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church is hosting a dinner on June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 A.M.

#### 2. District B --

Councilman Coner acknowledged the June birthdays for City employees.

#### 3. District C --

Councilman Wright commented that the Bicentennial Golf Tournament was a great event and thanked the volunteers.

#### 4. District D --

Councilman Rolling reminded everyone about the Bicentennial parade on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. 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 followed by the Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" at 4:30 P.M.; 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 8:30 A.M. and the Bicentennial Celebration at 4 P.M. at the Bogue Falaya Park.

#### 5. District E --

Councilman Smith commented that the Bicentennial Golf Tournament was a great success and raised funds to help with future bicentennial events. Also, he reminded everyone about the CBA meeting tomorrow at 5:30 P.M. at the Mellow Mushroom. Also, he led a discussion about the turning signal at Boston and Lee Lane and the need for additional parking in the downtown area.

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

Councilman Alexius mentioned that the work session held last week was very productive in that many comments and suggestions were received from the administration and public about the sign and fence ordinances. There will be a follow-up meeting of the Planning Committee on June 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the ordinances.

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

Council President O'Keefe thanked everyone who worked on the Veterans' reception held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He commented it was a great event to honor our veterans and suggested that it be held annually. Also, he reminded the Council about the LMA District meeting to be held on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M. in

Mandeville. Also, he announced that the Council meeting scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> has been cancelled due to the holiday week. Also, he thanked the Mayor for meeting with him and Councilmen Alexius and Rolling this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City.

**B. Administrative Comments and Reports**

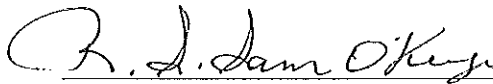
**1. Mayor Cooper's comments:**

- (a) He thanked Mr. Roberts for presenting his report on the ICC.
- (b) He thanked Ms. Selmon for her work as a member of the Bicentennial Committee and for working on the program scheduled for June 23.
- (c) He reminded everyone about the Bicentennial Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, July 2 at 7 A.M. at St. Paul's School.
- (d) He announced that the documentary produced by WLAE will premiere on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. on Charter Channel 11.
- (e) He announced that the New Orleans Bicycle Club is sponsoring a bicycle race this Sunday morning in the downtown area.


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

Mrs. Hayes gave an update on the status of the community disaster loan.

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



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



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
Clerk to the Council