

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2014**

Council President Alexius 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, Sam O'Keefe and Lee Alexius

ABSENT: None

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Timothy Gates.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 36th President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

APPEARERS

Drs. Robert Muller, Charles Preston, Adrian Talbot and Leanne Truehart, candidates for St. Tammany Parish Coroner, introduced themselves and presented their qualifications for the position of coroner.

Lisa Condrey gave an update on the progress of the renovation to the Southern Hotel.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Rolling 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

New Business

Items to be voted on:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council to Confirm Rollovers from the 2013 Budget to the 2014 Budget (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2014-09.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-09, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2014-09. Resolution No. 2014-09 was adopted.

Items for discussion:

Green Waste Pickup (Smith)

Mayor Cooper discussed his meeting with Brad Wainscott from Progressive Waste concerning green waste pickup.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

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

Councilman Coner recognized the birthdays of City employees for March.

3. District C --

Councilman Wright reported on a recent meeting with City staff where the issue of truck routes throughout the City was discussed. It was suggested that the Police Department distribute a flier setting out the streets designated as truck routes.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling mentioned that six new businesses applied for occupational licenses in February and since the beginning of March. Also, he announced that the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation will present a business incentive seminar on April 8th. Upcoming events: Rockin' the Rails concerts on April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th from 5 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. at the Trailhead; River Sweep and Race on April 5th from 8 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. at Bogue Falaya Park; Art Market presented by the St. Tammany Art Association on April 5th from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at the Trailhead; A Taste of Covington on April 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th; Covington Lions Club Car Show on April 12th from 7 A.M. until 4 P.M.; and Spring for Art presented by the St. Tammany Art Association on April 12th from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith reminded everyone about the Historic District Commission's meeting on April 8th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at which time SSA's newest proposal on their expansion project will be discussed. Also, he mentioned there will be a neighborhood meeting on March 19th at 6:30 P.M. at the Library on West 21st Avenue to discuss the RD#10 proposition. Also, the RD#10 Board will host a meeting on April 7th at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposition on the May 3rd ballot. Also, there will be a public meeting on March 25th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed Performing Arts Center development at Pinnacle and I-12. Also, he reminded the public about the Landing Concert on Friday, March 21st from 6 P.M. until 9 P.M. and the Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, March 28th from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

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

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. Also, he gave recaps from the recent CHDC and P&Z meetings.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

(a) He thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and also thanked the candidates for coroner for appearing to give an overview of their qualifications.

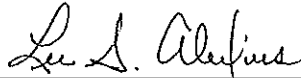
(b) He commented that the Mardi Gras events were well-attended and everyone had a great time.

- (c) He met with CLECO representatives recently and additional street lights will be installed on 11 existing poles along E. Boston Street between Courthouse Alley and Theard Street.
- (d) He requested that DOTD conduct a traffic flow study at the intersection of E. Boston Street and N. Vermont Street due to an increased number of accidents at the intersection.
- (e) The City is currently seeking RFPs for consultants to conduct an impact fee study.
- (f) He gave an update on the street improvement project;
- (g) He gave an update on the W. 23rd Avenue bridge rehabilitation project;
- (h) He recognized SSA and St. Paul's for their recent State soccer championships;
- (i) He gave an update on the current State Legislative session; and
- (j) He announced that for the second year in a row the City has received GFOA recognition for governmental financial reporting. He commended Gina Hayes, Alisa Faciane and Carr Riggs & Ingram for their work in filing for this award.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

- (a) She gave an update on the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act; and
- (b) She announced that the net proceeds from the surplus sale was \$28,290.09.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President



BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council