

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

Council President O'Keefe called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: John Callahan, Mark Wright, Larry Rolling, Rick Smith, Lee Alexius
and Sam O'Keefe

ABSENT: Jerry Coner

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Curtis.

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. Absent: Coner. The consent calendar was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Informing Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of the Following Actions Regarding the Sewerage Treatment Facility (MWPP Resolution) (Alexius)

Mike Curtis from Curtis Environmental led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2013-15.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-15, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2013-15. Absent: Coner. Resolution No. 2013-15 was adopted.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council District and Committee Reports

1. **District A -- None.**
2. **District B -- Councilman Coner was absent.**
3. **District C --**

Councilman Wright announced that he has invited a staff member from the International Code Council to speak at the Council meeting on June 4th. Also, he reminded everyone about the Walker Percy presentation by Judge Frederick Ellis on Saturday, May 25th in the Fuhrmann Auditorium from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

4. District D --

Councilman Rolling reminded everyone about the Bicentennial parade on Saturday, June 29th at noon. He mentioned they are still looking for float riders and bands to participate in the parade. Upcoming events: May 25 -- Jumpin' into Summer children's event at the Trailhead from 10 A.M. until noon; May 27 -- Veterans' Appreciation Reception at the Bogue Falaya Hall from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M.; May 31 -- Columbia Street Block Party from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.; June 1 -- Covington Art Market from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M.; and the Farmer's Market 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 Columbia Street across from the Justice Center. Also, he thanked the Keep Covington Beautiful volunteers for their work with the planters along Boston Street.

5. District E --

Councilman Smith reminded everyone this is Public Works Appreciation Week and suggested that an event be scheduled to recognize the Public Works Department. Also, he reminded everyone about the Bicentennial Golf Tournament at Money Hill Golf and Country Club on June 3rd. Also, he asked everyone to keep the victims of the recent tornado in Oklahoma in their thoughts and prayers.

6. At Large (Vice President) --

Councilman Alexius thanked Mayor Cooper for meeting with him and Council President O'Keefe this morning and giving them an update on the affairs of the City. Also, he mentioned that the Historic District Commission met last week and approved two sign requests. Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission met last night and gave tentative approval to Faubourg St. John for 200 apartments. Also, he announced that the Work Session scheduled for Thursday, May 30th will be for review and discussion of both the sign and fence ordinances.

7. At Large (President) -- None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) He thanked the Council for their support of the Bicentennial events.
- (b) He announced the City was awarded a Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$297,397.56 from LA DOTD for sidewalks near Pine View Middle School.
- (c) He reminded everyone about the Covington Firefighters Association 1st Annual Golf Open on May 31st at Abita Springs Golf Club.

City Engineer Daniel Hill gave an update on City projects.

Mayor Cooper reminded everyone about the protected left turn lanes on Boston Street and discussed the vehicle detection cameras on some intersections.


Mayor Cooper mentioned that Administration is planning a department-by-department appreciation event for employee recognition.

Councilman Alexius recognized Daniel Hill and Kelli Moore for their work in obtaining the Safe Routes to School grant.

Councilman Rolling reminded everyone about the CBA meeting on June 5th at 5:30 P.M. at the Mellow Mushroom on Hwy. 190.

2. **Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 P.M.


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


BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council