

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2011**

Council Vice President Blackall called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Frances Dunn, Clarence Romage, Mark Sacco, Lee Alexius and Trey Blackall

ABSENT: Marty Benoit and Matt Faust

A Moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Faust arrived at 6:06 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Alexius requested that Item D (2011-04-03) be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt the consent calendar with the removal of Item D (2011-04-03), seconded by Councilwoman Dunn. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. Absent: Marty Benoit. Consent calendar was adopted with the removal of Item D (2011-04-03).

APPEARERS

Councilman Alexius stated that Lee Roy Jenkins called him and does not want to appear before the Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Old Business

A. Items to be voted on:

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2011-03-01

An Ordinance Amending the 2011 Budget To Recognize Revenue And Expenses Of Water Meter Installation At The Groves at Mile Branch Development (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion concerning Item 2011-03-01.

Councilman Benoit arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Councilman Sacco made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Alexius. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item 2011-03-01, seconded by Council Vice President Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2011-03-01. Item 2011-03-01 was adopted.

B. Items for discussion:

1. RFQ for W. 30s Plan (Faust)

Council President Faust requested an update from Mayor Watkins. **Mayor Watkins** updated the public on this matter.

2. “The Groves” project (Blackall)

Council Vice President Blackall requested this item be removed as it was already discussed.

3. Utility rates (Blackall)

Council Vice President Blackall led a discussion and updated the public on this matter.

New Business

A. Items to be voted on:

1. RESOLUTION 2011-03 – A Resolution of the Covington City Council Informing the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of the Following Actions Regarding the Sewerage Treatment Facility (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on this matter.

Mike Curtis from Curtis Environmental Utilities, Inc. gave an update on the Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-03, seconded by Council Vice President Blackall. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the Resolution. Resolution 2011-03 was adopted.

2. AMENDED RESOLUTION 2008-22 – State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program – SCADA (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on this matter.

Council Vice President Blackall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-22, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the Resolution. Resolution 2008-22 was adopted.

Councilman Benoit left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on the budget; rollover and encumbered dollars; 2011 Millages; Oaths of Office for the newly elected Mayor and Council; and the additional person working at the Trailhead Museum.

(a) Historic Committee Update-None.

2. Community Development/Housing

Councilwoman Dunn reminded everyone about the “Rockin’ the Rails” concert series on Wednesdays in April and May from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (The remainder of her update was inaudible.)

3. Economic Development-None.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Councilman Romage gave an update on the Chimes ordinance.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Council Vice President Blackall stated the discussions on the utility rates will continue until the ordinance is introduced. Also, he asked the public to dial 911 if there ever is a problem reaching the emergency responders.

6. Recreation-

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on the playground equipment at the Recreation Complex.

Councilman Sacco led a discussion on the 2011 Budget Item List for the Recreation Department.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor-

Mayor Watkins stated that Covington won the Regional or District Clean City Contest and will now compete at the State level. Also, she gave an update on Square 1907.

Mayor Watkins presented two Proclamations: (1) National Boys and Girls Club Week; and (2) April 2011 - Fair Housing Month.

Questions/comments by members of the audience on agenda items.

2. Alex J. Peragine, City Attorney-Did not attend meeting.

Mayor-elect Mike Cooper made some comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
Matthew T. Faust
Council President

/s/ _____
Bonnie D. Champagne
Clerk to the Council