

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2012**

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPEARERS:

The following individuals discussed the plans for the Bicentennial celebration:

Roslyn Hanson
Pam Keller
Jan Butler
Sue Osbon
Karen Courtney
Sally Reeves
C. Howard Nichols

REGULAR AGENDA

Councilman Alexius made a motion to open the agenda to add under New Business, Resolution No. 2012-31 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council in Support of the Deferment of the First Installment on the Community Disaster Loan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to open the agenda to add Resolution No. 2012-31. Resolution No. 2012-31 was added to the agenda under New Business.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming Edmond d'Hemecourt III as the District B Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment for a Term of Five (5) Years (Coner)**

Councilman Coner made a motion to confirm Edmond d'Hemecourt III as the District B Appointment to the Covington Board of Adjustment for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman Alexius. Roll call was unanimous to confirm Edmond d'Hemecourt III. Mr. d'Hemecourt was confirmed.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-28** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming David Moores as the District D Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years (Rolling)

Councilman Rolling made a motion to confirm David Moores as the District D Appointment to the Covington Planning and Zoning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to confirm David Moores. Dr. Moores was confirmed.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-29** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming the Appointment of Ella D. Selmon to the City of Covington Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a Term of Three (3) Years (O'Keefe)

Councilman Alexius made a motion to confirm Ella D. Selmon as the Appointment to the City of Covington Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a Term of Three (3) Years, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to confirm Ella D. Selmon. Ms. Selmon was confirmed.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-30** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Confirming the Appointment of William V. Courtney to the City of Covington Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a Term of Three (3) Years (O'Keefe)

Councilman Wright made a motion to confirm William V. Courtney as the Appointment to the City of Covington Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a Term of Three (3) Years, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to confirm William V. Courtney. Mr. Courtney was confirmed.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-31** -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council in Support of the Deferment of the First Installment on the Community Disaster Loan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-31, seconded by Councilman Rolling. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2012-31. Resolution No. 2012-31 was adopted.

Item for discussion:

1. State Contracts (Coner)

Councilman Coner discussed an article written by Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy concerning consultants' contracts paid for with state funds.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Councilman Alexius discussed the sales tax collections through July. Also, he announced there will be a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow to discuss the 2013 Budget and other items.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Councilman Alexius mentioned there was a CHDC meeting recently and two sign requests were approved along with a Certificate of Appropriateness for material alteration for Hi-Ho Barbecue.

2. Community Development/Housing-None.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that the tentative date of the Covington Business Workshop will be Tuesday, October 30th from 8:00 A.M. until noon at the Bogue Falaya Hall. Upcoming events: Covington Bicentennial Kickoff on Thursday, August 30th from 5 until 8 P.M. at the Trailhead and Keep Covington Beautiful is sponsoring a Bogue Falaya River Sweep on Saturday, September 15th from 8:00 A.M. until noon.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Councilman Alexius stated that P&Z granted a one year extension to Covington Commons for Phase 1.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Council President O'Keefe announced that two police officers are in the POST Academy. He commended Public Works for the job they did in light of all of the recent rainfall. Also, he mentioned that the Mayor is under the weather and not in attendance this evening.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith announced that Chris Davis won the Bureau of Governmental Research Innovation Award for his work in constructing the hurricane facility at the Public Works Complex. Also, CPOC is considering the possibility of constructing professional sand volleyball courts in the Bogue Falaya Park.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

Councilman Wright commended Councilman Smith for nominating Chris Davis for the BGR Award. Also, he commended the Bicentennial Committee for all of their work in preparation for the bicentennial celebration.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

Mayor Cooper did not attend the meeting.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

Mrs. Hayes stated that the Mayor sends his regrets but he is under the weather. Also, beginning with the July billing, the garbage collection fee will be increased to \$14.54 due to the latest change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Also, they are working on the 2013 proposed budget and will have it ready for introduction in September.

Councilman Rolling mentioned that the LMA is sponsoring grant-writing workshops and Mrs. Hayes responded that several city employees are registered to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
Council President

/s/ _____
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council