

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2011**

Councilman 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Alexius recognized Claire Galofaro, the new reporter for the Times Picayune newspaper.

Council President Alexius read a quote by John Adams, the second President of the United States.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPEARERS-None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Old Business

- A. Items to be voted on: None.**
- B. Items for discussion: None.**

New Business

- A. Items removed from consent calendar: None.**
- B. Items to be voted on: None.**
- C. Items for discussion:**

- 1. Civil Service Board appointments (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on the procedure for appointments to the Civil Service Board.

- 2. Sewer ordinance revision – grease traps (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion concerning the revision of the Code of Ordinances to include the criteria for grease traps. The Public Works/Public Safety Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the revisions to the Code.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- A. Council Committee Comments and Reports**
 - 1. Administrative Liaison**

Council President Alexius stated that Mayor Cooper requested a regular meeting with the councilmen at large on the Monday before every Council meeting and there have been two meetings so far. Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission

will hold three public meetings to discuss the draft of the subdivision regulations. He requested that the Council review the draft of the subdivision regulations and if any corrections or concerns are found, they should be forwarded to the Council Clerk.

(a) **Historic Committee Update-None.**

2. Community Development/Housing-

Councilman Callahan stated there is a West 30s meeting tonight and he will make a report at the next Council meeting.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling stated the CBA meeting will be held on August 3rd at Beck-N-Call at 5:30 p.m. Also, he is having a District D Citizens' meeting in the conference room at the police station on August 30th at 6 p.m. He invites all citizens in District D to attend and discuss the issues in District D.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-None.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-None.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the planning of the 3 on 3 tournament fundraiser. The tournament will be held on August 13th. Registration is free and each participant will receive a goody bag provided by the New Orleans Hornets. Also, tickets are available for the Patron Party on Saturday, August 6th.

Councilman Smith stated that CPOC has requested a budget amendment to build restrooms at Hubie Gallagher Park and upgrade the restrooms at Bogue Falaya Park.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Councilman Wright reported on the road work being done by DOTD on Hwy. 21 coming into the city from Bootlegger Road to 11th Avenue.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor-

Mayor Cooper thanked the Council for addressing the grease trap issue. Also, he mentioned an issue concerning vehicles parked in the public right of way and requested that the Council review the pertinent laws. Also, he stated there is another movie coming into town and will be filmed at the Pittman house on the corner of 19th and Jefferson. He reminded the public that school starts on August 8th and there will be an increase in traffic.

Mayor Cooper commented that Administration is working in the budget process and the budget will be presented to the Council early next month. Also, concerning the amount of rainfall recently, he stated that the Public Works Department is responding to areas that need immediate attention but also recognizes the areas that will need attention in the future.

Council President Alexis led a discussion concerning Public Works' weekly rotation schedule in the districts.

Councilman Rolling thanked Wayne Mayberry for handling the grease trap issue in Tyler Square.

Councilman O'Keefe commented that the spirit of cooperation with Administration and Public Works has been fantastic and is appreciated.

Councilman Smith requested that the Mayor check with the Police Chief about some security cameras for the city parks.

Councilman Wright expressed his appreciation to Administration and Public Works for handling some issues during the past month.

2. Julian J. Rodrigue, Jr., City Attorney-None.

Council President Alexius reminded the public about the following:

Tuesday, August 9th – 4 p.m. – Walk through at the Groves Development

Tuesday, August 9th – 5 p.m. – Work session on the Groves annexation

Tuesday, August 9th – 6 p.m. – Work session with Villavaso and Associates

Topics will be the new subdivision regulations
and a planning overview

Council President Alexius invited any members of the press who might want more details concerning the two ordinances introduced tonight pertaining to the bonds to stay after the meeting for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President

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BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
Clerk to the Council