

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2012**

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Alexius read a quote by the 20th President of the United States, James Garfield.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe 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.

APPEARER

Mr. Stan Jackson discussed his concerns regarding the current ordinances pertaining to itinerant markets.

Council President Alexius requested that the Economic Development Committee review the ordinances and provide recommendations to the Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

Items to be voted on:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2012-05-01** – An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 14, Animals, Article I. In General, Sec. 14-10. Public Nuisance and Chapter 66, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV. Offenses Affecting Public Morals, Sec. 66-106. Disturbing the Peace (O'Keefe)

Councilman O'Keefe led a discussion on Item 2012-05-01.

Councilman Wright made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Item 2012-05-01, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2012-05-01. Item 2012-05-01 was adopted.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM 2012-05-02 – An Ordinance of the City of Covington Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract With JCR Rentals LLC (O'Keefe)**

Councilman O'Keefe led a discussion concerning Item 2012-05-02.

Councilman Rolling made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Wright. There were no objections to closing the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Item 2012-05-02, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2012-05-02. Item 2012-05-02 was adopted.

New Business

Items to be voted on:

1. Naming the Official Journal for the City of Covington (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on this matter.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt The St. Tammany Farmer as the Official Journal for the City of Covington for a term of one year, seconded by Councilman Smith. Roll call was unanimous to adopt The St. Tammany Farmer as the Official Journal for the City of Covington.

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-15 -- A Resolution of the Covington City Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Between the City of Covington and Kass Bros., Inc. for the Boston Street Beautification Project (Alexius)**

Council President Alexius led a discussion concerning Resolution No. 2012-15.

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-15, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Resolution No. 2012-15. Resolution No. 2012-15 was adopted.

Items for discussion:

1. 2012 Assessment (Alexius)

Council President Alexius led a discussion on this matter.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Council President Alexius stated there is an Annexation Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday morning to discuss an annexation on Hwy. 190. Also, he and Councilman O'Keefe met with the Mayor and City Attorney earlier today for an update on the affairs of the City.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Council President Alexius reminded everyone that there will be a Historic District Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 P.M. regarding signage issues.

2. Community Development/Housing-

Councilman Callahan announced that the Boys and Girls Club has re-opened at 919 North Columbia Street.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that 13 new businesses applied for occupational licenses in May. Upcoming events: Sunset at the Landing concert on June 15th from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. at Columbia Street Landing; Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, June 29th from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.; Old Fashioned Family Fourth of July on Saturday, June 30th at 6:00 P.M. at Bogue Falaya Park; Farmer's Market at the Justice Center on Saturdays from 8 A.M. until Noon and at the Trailhead on Wednesdays from 10 A.M. until Noon; and the next CBA meeting is tomorrow, June 6th at Seiler's Bar.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Council President Alexius stated there is an Annexation Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday morning to discuss an annexation on Hwy. 190. Also, the Board of Adjustment will review and discuss amendments to its section in the Code. Also, building is continuing in Oak Alley and the Savannahs, Phase 5.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Councilman O'Keefe stated that the Public Safety Committee met with the Director of St. Tammany Parish Animal Services to discuss the vicious animals ordinance. Also, he stated that the Committee is moving forward with the process and plans to hold public hearings on the issue.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith stated that CPOC met with some residents of the Ozone neighborhood to discuss solutions and improvements to the Ozone Park. Also, he reminded everyone to put their garbage cans out tonight for pick up tomorrow. Also, he mentioned that the St. Tammany Historical Society is presenting "Judge Jesse Jones, Covington Whiskey, and Other Tales of Early Covington" on Saturday, June 9th at 6:30 P.M. at the St. Tammany Homestead Building.

7. Traffic and Transportation-None.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

Daniel Hill, City Engineer, gave an update on City projects.

1. Mayor Cooper's comments:

Mayor Cooper reminded everyone about the City-wide garbage pickup tomorrow. Also, he announced the promotion of Melvin Crockett to the position of Lieutenant in the Police Department to replace Lt. Mike Revere, who retired recently.

Councilman Rolling made a recommendation to fly the flags in front of City Hall at half staff upon the death of a current City employee. **Mayor Cooper** stated he appreciated the recommendation and will research the matter.

Councilman Coner requested an update on the lighting in the ox lots. **Mayor Cooper** stated that some lights have been replaced and he has authorized the installation of new lights in other ox lots.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President

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