

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 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 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman O'Keefe made a motion to adopt the consent calendar, seconded by **Councilman Rolling**. Roll call was unanimous to adopt the consent calendar. The consent calendar was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

New Business

Items for discussion:

1. Work Session on May 16, 2012 – Tree Ordinance (Wright)

Councilman Wright led a discussion concerning the upcoming Work Session.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. Administrative Liaison-

Council President Alexius stated that he and Councilman O'Keefe met with Mayor Cooper this morning for an update/discussion on the affairs of the City.

Council President Alexius requested that the Public Safety/Governmental Services Committee review the vicious animal ordinance in light of the recent dog attacks on children.

(a) Historic Committee Update-

Council President Alexius announced that the next Historic Commission meeting will be held on May 8th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

2. Community Development/Housing-None.

3. Economic Development-

Councilman Rolling announced that 11 new businesses applied for occupational licenses in April. Also, he mentioned that the "Rockin' the Rails" concerts held in April were very successful. Upcoming events in May: Sunset at the Landing concert on May 18th from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. at Columbia Street Landing; Covington

Brewhouse Spring Fest at the Covington Trailhead on May 18th and 19th; and Columbia Street Block Party on Friday, May 25th from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Council President Alexius mentioned that Wal-Mart is under construction and plans have been finalized for a new business at the old Sorelli's location.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-None.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Councilman O'Keefe stated that the ordinance introduced this evening clarified some items in the Code concerning dogs. Also, the Public Safety/Governmental Services Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the current ordinance regarding vicious animals.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith announced that the Little League baseball season has begun with the Mayor throwing out the first pitch.

Council President Alexius announced that Keep Covington Beautiful held its annual 5K run at the Recreation Center and the new nature trail was well-received.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Councilman Wright announced there will be a District C meeting on Monday, May 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers and everyone is welcome to attend.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-

- (a) The movie, "Beautiful Creatures", will be filming from Wednesday, May 2nd until Saturday, May 5th. If the public has any concerns or problems with parking and/or deliveries during the filming, please contact the Locations Department for Sixteenth Moon Productions at (504) 335-2521;
- (b) The RFQ process for engineering services has been completed and approximately 20 engineering firms will be in the selection pool; and
- (c) The pipelining project is progressing according to schedule and will be completed by the end of the month.

2. Mayor Cooper's comments:

- (a) The first annual "Remember Covington The Way It Was, Way Back When" barbeque and reunion will take place on Saturday, May 12th from 2 P.M. until 7 P.M. at Bogue Falaya Park;
- (b) Beginning June 1st, the City-wide garbage and recycling pick-up day will be on Wednesdays only and green waste will be picked up on the other weekdays. IESI will publish the new schedule in the local newspapers and the City will issue press releases to notify the public; and
- (c) Judging for the state competition for the Cleanest City Contest will take place on Wednesday, May 9th at 8 A.M.

Council President Alexius mentioned that the next Bicentennial Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, May 10th at 6 P.M. in the William Pitcher Library.

Councilman Coner led a discussion on the ELCA youth group who will be here in July.

Council President Alexius reminded the Council to turn in names of individuals who would like to be considered for the upcoming two vacancies on the Covington Civil Service Board.

Mayor Cooper mentioned that JPAS will present, "How I Became A Pirate", on May 5th and 6th at 2 P.M. at the Fuhrmann Auditorium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ _____
LEE S. ALEXIUS
Council President

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