

**CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 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.

Council President O'Keefe thanked the citizens of Covington for the trust they placed in the Council with regard to the rededication of the 1957 sales tax.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Unfinished Business

A. Items to be voted on:

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-09-01 --**
An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Outlay Budget for the City of Covington for the Year 2013 and the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan for Years 2013-2017 (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-09-01.

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

Councilman Alexius made a motion to amend Item 2012-09-01 to replace the 2013 Proposed Budget dated September 4, 2012 with the 2013 Proposed Revised Budget dated November 13, 2012, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to amend Item 2012-09-01. Item 2012-09-01 was amended.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item 2012-09-01, as amended, seconded by Councilman Coner. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2012-09-01, as amended. Item 2012-09-01 was adopted, as amended.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-09-03 --**
An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the Following Provisions of the Covington Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2

Administration, Article II. City Council, Division 2. Rules of Procedure, Sec. 2-71. Order of Business (Alexius) **TABLED ON OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-09-03.

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

Councilman Coner made a motion to amend Item 2012-09-03 on Page 1, line 30, to change Prayer to Invocation, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to amend Item 2012-09-03. Item 2012-09-03 was amended.

Councilman Alexius made a motion to adopt Item 2012-09-03, as amended, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2012-09-03, as amended. Item 2012-09-03 was adopted, as amended.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ITEM NO. 2012-10-01 – An Ordinance of the City of Covington Amending the 2012 Budget for Grants and Unanticipated Expenditures (Alexius)**

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on Item 2012-10-01.

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

Councilman Rolling made a motion to adopt Item 2012-10-01, seconded by Councilman Callahan. Roll call was unanimous to adopt Item 2012-10-01. Item 2012-10-01 was adopted.

New Business

Items for discussion:

1. Appointments to Recreation District No. 10 (Alexius)

Councilman Alexius led a discussion on this matter. He requested that the names of potential members be submitted to either him or Mrs. Champagne by November 21, 2012.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Council Committee Comments and Reports

1. **Administrative Liaison-None.**

Councilman Alexius expressed his appreciation to the citizens of Covington for their insight involving the sales tax rededication.

(a) **Historic Committee Update-**

Councilman Alexius stated that the Historic District Commission met earlier today and approved two sign requests.

2. **Community Development/Housing-None.**
3. **Economic Development-**

Councilman Rolling announced that 13 new businesses applied for occupational licenses in October. Upcoming events: Covington Art Market on December 1st from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. at the Trailhead; Lighting of the Oaks on December 1st from 4 P.M. until dusk at the EOC on E. Boston Street; and Deck the Rails on December 15th from 10 A.M. until noon at the Trailhead. Also, he mentioned that the Three Rivers Art Festival was a great success and thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the event. Also, it's his understanding that the new Frostop on Hwy. 190 will open next week.

4. Planning & Zoning, Annexation-

Councilman Alexius stated that the next P&Z meeting will be on Monday, November 19th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

5. Public Safety/Governmental Services-

Council President O'Keefe requested that new police officers and firemen attend the next Council meeting on December 4th so they can be introduced to the Council and public. Also, he thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all of their hard work over the past weekend when several events were held in the city.

6. Recreation/CPOC-

Councilman Smith stated there was a CPOC meeting held a couple of weeks ago and they discussed the possibility of constructing sand volleyball courts.

7. Traffic and Transportation-

Councilman Wright thanked Wayne Mayberry for all of the work he has done in District C over the past few weeks. Also, he announced that on Wednesday, December 5th, the Covington Rotary is sponsoring a "Feed the Needy" luncheon at the Clarion Hotel to help the needy in the area.

B. Administrative Comments and Reports

1. Mayor Cooper comments:

- (a) He thanked the public for their overwhelming support of the sales tax rededication;
- (b) He acknowledged the department heads and employees who attended the meeting tonight in the event the Council had any questions on the 2013 budget;
- (c) He gave an update on city projects; and
- (d) On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, he invited the City Council members to the grand re-opening of Copeland's on Hwy. 190 on Wednesday, November 14th from 4 P.M. until 5:30 P.M.

Councilman Wright mentioned that the Police Department is holding a Neighborhood Watch meeting for District C on November 29th at 6:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

Councilman Rolling requested that Administration notify the Council when movies are being filmed in the city so the public may be notified in advance.

Council President O'Keefe announced that the Council meeting scheduled for December 18th has been cancelled and the only meeting next month will be on December 4th.

2. Gina Hayes, Director of Administration-None.

Mayor Cooper announced that the contractor is removing the railroad tracks on Gibson Street tonight. Also, he announced that the Frostop mug/sign was installed yesterday and they should open next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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

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