

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, AUGUST 17, 2009, 6:30 PM.

Mayor Kimberly C. Carter presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Hawnethia Williams, Council members: Janet A. Goodman, John A. Howard, Mike Whatley, Ocie Franklin, and Keith Dalton, City Manager Steve Horton, City Clerk Tonya R. Grier, and City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., present.

Reverend Doug Gilreath of Covington First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 3, 2009 with the following changes:

-Motion #11, delete duplicated **“to approve”**
-Page 2, para.7, change to **“The By-laws will be amended and submitted to the Covington Redevelopment Authority for adoption.”**
-Page 5, para.9, change to **“submit”**

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator John Douglas was in attendance to discuss priorities of the 2010 Session and July budget figures.

Senator Douglas expressed appreciation to the City for a Resolution in support of the nomination of Judge Samuel Ozburn to the Georgia Supreme Court.

Senator Douglas also acknowledged Police Chief Stacey Cotton and staff for their support during the deputy shooting incident.

Mayor Carter administered the Oath of Office to new Covington Police Officer Jerry Lee Roberts Jr.

2. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to amend the agenda to add the following:

-Discussion/approval of the placement of warning signs on Louise Street and Wood Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve an agreement with Congressman Jim Marshall for a telephone line to be installed at City Hall to improve lines of communication between residents of the Eighth Congressional District and his congressional office.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to adopt a resolution in support of an application to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH).

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve a road closure permit for portions of Conyers Street and to give the City Manager and Mayor authority to sign forth coming documents for road closures on Monticello Street, Church Street, and around the Square as needed for the 26th Annual Fuzz Run September 11-12.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid for Land Application of Biosolids.

-Lewis Banks	\$15 per ton
-Allied Environmental	\$23.50 per ton
-Mitcham Cattle Co.	\$31 per ton
-Able Too, LLC	\$32 per ton
-Synagrow South, LLC	\$32.40 per ton

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the placement of warning signs on Louise Street and Wood Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the following invoices:

AIRPORT

PBS&J	
-Airport ALP Update	\$21,714.00
Pittman Construction Co., Inc.	
-Final payment of Airport Expansion	\$184,249.47

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton expressed condolences to the family of former Mayor Allene Capes Burton and announced the funeral arrangements.

Mr. Horton discussed the delay in signing airport contracts.

Mr. Horton anticipates receiving stimulus funds to relocate utilities for the Hwy 278 and Hwy 142 project.

Mayor Carter reminded everyone of the following:

The free concert on the Square September 4th sponsored by General Mills

Due to Labor Day Holiday September 7, the next Council Meeting will be

September 21, 2009.

The Fuzz Run and Literacy Festival will be on the Downtown Square September 12th.

Mayor Carter also acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Allene Capes Burton.

Council member Franklin thanked Council members Goodman and Williams and Police Chief Cotton for attending the neighborhood watch meeting.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk