

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, JANUARY 5, 2009, 6:30 PM.**

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

First United Methodist Church of Covington's Associate Pastor Julie Schendel opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Carter administered the Oath of Office to new Covington Police Officers Michael Bailey, Brandon Farmer, Grant Satterfield, and Brian Capps.

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1. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 8, 2008, as amended:

Motion 8, sec. d, change to "codes"

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 59 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, SO AS TO **CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR**; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

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Attorney Jim Alexander, Mr. Pete Carter, and Mr. Stuart Hamilton were in attendance to discuss the Vehicular Parking Regulation Ordinance.

3. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Howard to approve the **final** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ADD CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO CHAPTER 10.08 THEREOF TO PROVIDE **VEHICULAR PARKING REGULATIONS** FOR CERTAIN CITY STREETS, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

4. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to amend the afore-mentioned ordinance to change the duration of parking on outside of the square to three hours and the inside of the square a maximum of 12 hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Discussion of annexing approximately five acres into the City.
- b. Discussion of bids for pest control.
- c. Cancellation of check validation agreement with CheckCare.

Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for:

Ge Ge's  
9148 Highway 278 NE  
Suite A

Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

Quick Check  
6229 Turner Lake Road

Motion carried unanimously.

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8. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Whatley to acknowledge receipt of the following:

**Covington Planning Commission**

January 13, 2009 Agenda

December 9, 2008 Minutes

**Board of Appeals and Adjustments**

January 20, 2009 Agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the adoption of a resolution authorizing the City to apply for funding and participate in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program thru a partnership with the non-profit organization Builders of Hope.

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Williams to table the discussion of road construction time table for Corrydell Phases 2 & 3 until the next council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to table the first reading of an ordinance titled DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS and send the information to the Planning Commission for review to see if they recommend this type of business use to be added into the City's Development Regulations Ordinance.

Mr. Steve Lloyd was in attendance to discuss the afore-mentioned ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 12. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Howard to table the discussion of draft resolution for projects to be supported by hotel/motel tax increase until the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 13. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the low bid from Brooks-Berry-Haynie in the amount of \$53,500.00, for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR 81/Washington Street and Turner Lake Road.

Brooks-Berry-Haynie	\$53,500.00
Bass Signal Corporation	\$57,300.00
Marable-Pirkle, Inc.	No bid

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 14. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the 8th Equity Call from MEAG Power in accordance with the Vogtle Development Contract in the amount of \$116,984.47, to be paid out of the City's short term flexible operating account of the Municipal Competitive Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 15. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Whatley to authorize the Electric Department to purchase a used crane truck at a cost not to exceed the \$72,000.00 (amount budgeted).

Motion carried with Council members Whatley, Goodman, Williams, Howard, and Franklin voting for. Council member Dalton voting against.

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- 16. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the sole bid from WESCO Distribution in the amount of \$34,304.65 for materials and labor to run fiber from City Hall to the E911 Center and to the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 17. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the low bid from Pro-Tec Fire Protection, Inc., for fire extinguisher servicing for the City of Covington.

<b><u>Pro-Tec Fire Protection, Inc.</u></b>	
Annual Maintenance & inspection	\$1.95 ea.
Recharge: 5 lb dry chemical	\$9.50 ea
10 lb dry chemical	\$12.50 ea
20 lb dry chemical	\$22.50 ea
20 lb dry chemical purple k	\$22.50 ea
Hydrostatic testing dry chem., low pressure	\$12.50 ea
Re-charge Halon	\$10.00 ea
2.5 lb ABC extinguisher w/ vehicle bracket	\$29.16 ea

5 lb ABC extinguisher w/ wall hook	\$39.25 ea
10 lb ABC fire extinguisher	\$59.50 ea
20 lb ABC fire extinguisher	\$108.00 ea
Recharge 5 lb dry chemical 6 yr maint. w/ parts	\$17.00 ea
Recharge 10 lb dry chemical 6 yr maint. w/ parts	\$20.00 ea
Recharge 20 lb dry chemical 6 yr maint. w/ parts	\$30.00 ea
Service charge	\$15.00 ea

**A & W Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service**

Checking & retagging fire extinguishers	\$3.50 ea
Recharge: 2.5 lb ABC extinguisher	\$9.75 ea
5 lb ABC extinguisher	\$13.75 ea
10 lb ABC extinguisher	\$19.75 ea
20 lb ABC extinguisher	\$26.75 ea
Hydrotest on dry chemical extinguishers	\$15.00 ea
Pressure gages replaced	\$8.50 ea
Check stems replaced	\$7.50 ea
Service call (no charge if svc is over \$100.00)	\$35.00 ea

Motion carried unanimously.

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18. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from Manhard Consulting Ltd. in the amount of \$64,230.00, for design and construction services for the following City drainage projects: Eberhardt Community, Elizabeth and Mill Streets, Kirk and Collier Streets, and Gordy Street.

Manhard Consulting, Ltd.	\$64,230.00
Moore Bass Consulting	\$74,075.00
Columbia Engineering & Services, Inc.	\$139,550.00
Volkert & Associates, Inc.	\$142,046.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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19. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve a Street Sweeping Agreement between the City and the City of Oxford in the amount of \$100.00 per sweep contingent upon verifying the fee covers the City of Covington actual costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

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20. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the low bid from Curb Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$114,526.33, for several sidewalk rehab projects located within the City of Covington. (The City will be reimbursed \$71,917.12 from GDOT for this project.)

Curb Specialists, Inc.	\$114,526.33
CS Britton, Inc.	\$198,000.00
S D & C, Inc.	\$114,927.00
Pittman Construction	\$185,540.64
Tople Construction and Engineering	\$147,143.50
Dekalb Pipe Line	\$169,556.67

Motion carried unanimously.

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Council member Williams stated the following intersections within the City have poor visibility:

Clark and Hendricks  
Washington and Hendricks  
Conyers and Monticello  
Brown and Clark

The City Manager stated he would have the Transportation Manager meet with the Police Chief to see what can be done regarding this issue.

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21. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a lease agreement between the City and Area Committee To Improve Opportunities Now, Inc. (Action, Inc.) for the use of 1146 Conyers Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

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22. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve transferring the following uncollected utility bills receivable to bad debt expense:

07/31/2007	\$27,183.79
09/30/2007	\$40,991.28
10/31/2007	\$30,106.58

Motion carried unanimously.

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23. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the following Miscellaneous Appointments for 2009:

City Attorney-Edward A. Crudup, Jr.  
City Municipal Judge-David Strickland  
City Physicians-Dr. Henry Patton  
Emeritus Judge-Jerry Capes

Motion carried unanimously.

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24. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

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25. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the best bid from Cleary Exterminating Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,748.00 for annual pest control services.

Cox's Mid-Georgia Pest Control-Grayson	\$2,412.00
Cleary Exterminating Company, Inc.-Covington	\$2,748.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 26. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve proceeding with terminating the City’s check verification agreement with CheckCare.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 27. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve of the following purchase orders:

**FIRE**

Uniforms 911, Inc.	
-Uniforms	\$24,068.27

**LAND APPLICATION**

Baker Technical Services, Inc.	
-Variable frequency drive replacement	\$56,362.00

**SANITATION**

Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	
-2008 Front Loader Sanitation Truck	\$186,300.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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The City Manager stated the City has submitted the following items for consideration under the Federal Economic Stimulus Package:

- Pace Street Corridor Project at \$7.4 million
- Hwy 278 Waterline Project at \$2.2 million
- Turner Lake Road Round-A-Bout Project at \$800,000.00
- Numerous road resurfacing projects
- Multi-use trail from Turner Lake Park to the Newton County Library

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The City Manager stated City Clerk John Grotheer has received a job offer from the new City of Dunwoody as their first Finance Director and his last day will be January 20<sup>th</sup>. The City Manager further stated John will be missed and wished him the best.

City Clerk John Grotheer thanked everyone and stated it has been a pleasure working here at the City of Covington.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

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John H. Grotheer, Jr., City Clerk