

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, MARCH 16, 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, Acting City Clerk Tonya R. Grier, and City Attorney E. A. Crudup, Jr., present.

The Baptist Tabernacle's Pastor David Moody opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2009, as amended:

Pg. 1, para. 3, change to "Bethabara Missionary Baptist Church"

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams 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 ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.12.070 OF THE SAID CODE RELATING TO **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION**, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to amend the agenda to add the following;

- Discussion/approval of a proposal from Corus for hardware and software for the City's Sharepoint Website.
- Discussion/approval of an invoice from MEAG Power with regards to the Vogtle Development Contract.
- Discussion/approval of DOT permitting requirements and indemnification regarding the Halloween 2 filming on Highway 278.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve a request from East Georgia Rolloff, Inc. to extend their Special Use Petition for a period of one year.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the adoption of a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia for recertification of participation in the Georgia Municipal Association "Certified City of Ethics" program.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the Water Reclamation Manager to seek bids to purchase pipe and materials for the Pipe Rehab Project at the LAS.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to authorize the Water Reclamation Manager to seek bids for the sale of timber at the LAS.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Goodman to accept the Utility Director's recommendation to purchase 5 MW of base load power from MEAG/TEA and 5 MW from the City of Marietta, and in 2010 purchase 5 MW through MEAG/TEA and 3 MW from Marietta.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve a request to close city streets around the Downtown Square in honor of the National Guard's 48th Brigade deployment to Afghanistan on Friday, March 27, 2009 from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve an agreement between the Covington Municipal Court and East Georgia Correctional Services, LLC for probation services.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

ENGINEERING

Newton Co. BOC

-Reimbursement for City's share of photo mapping \$24,000.00

STREET

Curb Specialists, Inc.

-Emory St. sidewalk proj.(State to reimb \$9,793.43) \$22,041.50

WATER & SEWER

D & J's Pipeline Co.

-Emory Street proj. \$30,944.91

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a proposal from Corus 360 in the amount of \$57,505.00, to purchase hardware and software for the City's Sharepoint Website.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the 12th Equity Call from MEAG Power in accordance with the Vogtle Development Contract in the amount of \$549,827.00, to be paid out of the City's short term flexible operating account of the Municipal Competitive Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to approve applying with DOT for permission to interrupt traffic on March 19th from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM to allow a Halloween 2 to film a moving scene along Highway 278.

Motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager commented on the following:

Strategic Planning meeting on March 18-20 at the FFA Camp
Working with Charter regarding State Franchise

Mayor Carter expressed her appreciation to Congressman Marshall for getting the earmarked funds for Covington and Newton County.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, Acting City Clerk