

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, MARCH 2, 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.

Bethabara Baptist Church's Associate Pastor Walter Norman opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2009, as amended:

Motion 19, add "for executing bank collateralization contracts."

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to amend the agenda to add:

- Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.
- Discussion/approval of bids for a Sharepoint Website provider.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Clara Deemer from the Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to request permission to host a "Voices From The Past" tour at the Covington Historical Cemetery.

3. Motion made by Council member Howard, seconded by Council member Whatley to authorize the Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee to hold the afore-mentioned tour on October 15, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Historic Preservation Committee

February 4, 2009 minutes
March 3, 2009 agenda

Covington Planning Commission

February 10, 2009 minutes
March 3, 2009 agenda

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the **first** 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.

6. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve removing the following two items from the agenda:

-Discussion/approval of Countywide Natural Gas Safety Plan.
-Discussion/approval of purchase of Base Load Power for 2010 to 2015 through MEAG / TEA.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Franklin, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the 11th Equity Call from MEAG Power in accordance with the Vogtle Development Contract in the amount of \$190,158.25, to be paid out of the City's short term flexible operating account of the Municipal Competitive Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the adoption of a resolution designating Mayor Carter as Voting Delegate and City Manager Steve Horton as Alternate Delegate for the 2009 Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG) Annual Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a proposal from Carter & Sloope in the amount not to exceed \$23,380.00, for additional engineering costs associated with the Highway 278/142 Utility Relocation Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

01/31/2008	\$42,893.83
02/29/2008	\$31,774.39
04/30/2008	\$63,571.42

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the City Attorney to draft a resolution for recertification in the “Certified City of Ethics” Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve an invoice from PBS&J in the amount of \$84,503.80 for professional services associated with the Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Howard to approve the best bid from ThoughtBridge in the estimated amount of \$84,000.00, to design and implement a Sharepoint Website.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Implementation Time</u>
VC3, Inc.	\$57,710.00	4-6 months
Consejo	\$76,775.00	11 weeks
ThoughtBridge	\$84,000.00	6-8 weeks

Motion carried unanimously.

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

STORMWATER

Manhard Consulting LTD	
-Constructed Wetland (4 invoices)	\$26,573.00

WATER & SEWER

United Utilities, Inc.	
-Meters (500)	\$28,365.46

Motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager commented on the following:

- Strategic Planning Retreat at the Covington FFA Camp on March 18-20
- GMA Annual Conference in Savannah June 20-23
- Charter Franchise options
- Ms. Leigh Ann Knight as Acting Finance Director

Mayor Carter reminded everyone of the Public Meeting on Monday, March 9th at 6:00 PM to discuss the Hotel/motel Tax increase.

- 15. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Dalton to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to enter back into Regular Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

17. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to accept the recommendation of the City Manager, Personnel Director, and City Attorney to negotiate the resignation of a city employee to include six months of pay without benefits.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, Acting City Clerk