

CALLED MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, 6:30 PM.

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

Chamber Director of Tourism Clara Deemer was in attendance to discuss plans for the October 15th Cemetery Tour.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed the City of Covington entering into an agreement with the Newton County Board of Health to be a point of distribution for the H1N1 Flu Vaccination. The City would provide vaccinations free of charge to City of Covington employees and their immediate family members.

1. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Newton County Board of Health for the City to act as a Point of Distribution of the H1N1 Flu Vaccination.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Don Floyd was in attendance to discuss an Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Covington Fire Department and Newton County Fire Department. The City Fire Department would assist Newton County by responding first to emergencies on HWY 142N and other areas assigned to the County that can be more efficiently served by the City due to the proximity and Newton County assisting the City in a like manner.

2. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve an Automatic Aid Agreement with Newton County.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Porterdale for Fleet Service and Maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Planner Michelle Larson was in attendance to provide examples of Pet Ordinances from different cities.

4. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to authorize the City Attorney to draft a City Ordinance requiring owners to clean up behind their animals anywhere other than on property belonging to the owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member Williams to amend Section 32 of the City Charter to be consistent with the City's Personnel Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to authorize the Mayor, when requested by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), to transfer funds into the appropriate GDOT account for Underground Utility Relocation occurring as a part of the GDOT contract for the HWY 278 & 142 Widening Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the City of Covington to participate in the Heating Energy Assistance Team (H.E.A.T.) Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve a permit request to GDOT and a request from the Covington Rotary Club to interrupt traffic on State Route 36 around the Town Square from 7AM until 5PM on Sunday, October 4, 2009 for the Cars of the Past 17th Covington Car Show.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve the low bid from Monroe Power, Inc. to purchase a mower for the Street Department.

Monroe Power, Inc.	\$24,336.74
Madison Rentals, Inc.	\$30,232.00
Stananco, Inc.	not a Hustler diesel equipment dealer

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to authorize the Covington Police Department to seek bids to replace a wrecked police car.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve a request to interrupt traffic on State Route 36 around the Town Square Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 2PM until 7PM for filming of a television series.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed contracts with Newton County Board of Education and Board of Commissioners regarding (Public Education and Government) PEG Channel Operations.

Mr. Horton discussed the construction of the Covington Municipal Airport Runway. The runway will be closed starting September 21 at 7AM.

Mr. Horton recognized City Police Officer Gene Nuqui for alerting a family to a vehicle fire next to their residence and getting everyone out safely.

Mr. Horton also stated that the City purchased an additional 5MW of electrical power for 2010-2015.

Mayor Carter discussed a meeting with GDOT regarding stimulus monies for the Turner Lake Round-A-Bout Project.

Mayor Carter reminded everyone of the 26th Annual Fuzz Run and Literacy Festival on the Town Square Saturday.

Mayor Carter acknowledged and congratulated the candidates that qualified for the November 3, 2009, City of Covington General Election.

Mayor Carter also extended condolences to Transportation Manager Billy Skinner and family.

Congratulations to City Manager Steve Horton on the birth of his grandson Cecil Steven Horton III.

12. Motion made by Council Dalton, seconded by Council member Franklin to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation issues and alternatives. 7:30PM

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion made by Council Williams, seconded by Council member Dalton to enter back into Regular Session. 7:44PM

Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk