

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, CITY HALL, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 6:30 PM.

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

Reverend Reginald Williams Associate Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve the adoption of a resolution to accept a "Georgia Growing Green ARRA Grant" from the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve extending the benefit of eliminating credit/debit card convenience fees for other City of Covington services rather than utilities only.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Williams to approve amending the agenda to add the following:

- Discussion of a request from Solid Rock Baptist Church to sign a letter recognizing their programs.
- Discussion of a road closure request from Adopt-A-Horse Incorporated.

Motion carried unanimously.

King Street resident Martha McGiboney was in attendance to discuss and express concerns with the proposed parking ordinance.

5. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve an application to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for:

**Just Dogs
5151 Highway 278**

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager discussed a complaint from Standridge Color Corporation regarding insufficient fuel at the Covington Municipal Airport.

Don Young of Standridge Color Corporation and a tenant of the Covington Municipal Airport discussed a recent incident in which there was not sufficient fuel for their trip.

Chairman of the Airport Committee Lance Flynn was also in attendance to discuss fuel and other complaints against the FBO.

6. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Dalton to exercise the early termination clause of the present contract with the Covington Municipal Airport FBO Dixie Jet, with the City agreeing to pay \$367,389.33 buyout.

Motion carried with Council members Smith, Dalton and Franklin voting for and Council members Goodman and Williams voting against.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed a letter received from a citizen concerning the safety of the spur on Turner Lake Road leading to Brown Bridge Road.

Transportation Manager Billy Skinner reported findings from his research on the spur and recommended that no action be taken.

7. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve donation of the Community Room at Fire Station 1 for Economic Smart Fair hosted by Chi Tau Omega-Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Dalton, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve parking spaces on the inner circle of the Square, adjacent to the performance area, to be blocked off for set up of concerts during the month of September.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to approve a road closure on Sunday, October 3rd from 7:30am until 5:00PM for a Car Show sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Franklin, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the MEAG Supplemental Power, Annual Subscription for 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve an Amendment to the Supplemental Power Purchase Agreement with MEAG.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from Covington Ford in the amount of \$21,361.00 each for the purchase of four 2009 Ford Victoria Police Interceptors for the Covington Police Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton discussed an easement needed for the School Street Drainage Project.

The City Engineering Department was able to obtain easements from all affected property except for the Anthony Davis parcel, an abandoned property located on School Street.

The City will move forward under the authority of a prescriptive easement.

13. Motion made by Council member Smith, seconded by Council member Goodman to approve seeking bids for the purchase of a dump truck for use at the LAS.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Franklin to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter to the Georgia Department of Administrative Services recognizing the programs of Solid Rock Baptist Church and their nonprofit affiliates and potential future referrals from City staff to their programs for the purpose of shelter, food, and training.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Carter discussed a road closure request from Adopt-A-Horse Incorporated to provide pony rides for children during the Fuzz Run.

Due to crowd control and sanitary concerns, it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council not to grant the request.

15. Motion made by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Dalton to approve the following invoice:

WATER & SEWER

Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc.

-Materials for Emory Street Waterline Project \$21,436.77

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Steve Horton asked for possible dates for a meeting with Newton County to discuss the Main Street Program.

Mr. Horton informed the Mayor and Council that Airport Engineer Vincent Passariello will have a take home City vehicle to attend airport and transportation meetings.

Mayor Carter reminded everyone of the concerts on the Square and the 27th Annual Fuzz Run.

Mayor Carter also reminded everyone that September is Family Literacy Month. Mayor Carter and Chairman Morgan will present a proclamation at the Literacy Festival on Saturday on the Square at 10:30AM.

Mayor Carter and Council member Williams will be in Columbus Georgia September 15- 17 for GICH training.

Council member Smith informed everyone of the activities of United Methodist Church in conjunction with the Fuzz Run on Saturday. The Church will be providing lunch and dinner the Friday before the Fuzz Run, on Saturday after the Fuzz Run there will be a service in remembrance of September 11th, and a 11AM service honoring public safety on Sunday.

Council member Smith inquired about the progress of the Strategic Planning Program for the City.

Council member Smith also discussed the possibility of Frank Turner Jr. attending the Council meetings.

Council member Dalton invited the Mayor and Council to his home for a fish fry September 24th at 6PM.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

Kimberly C. Carter, Mayor

Tonya R. Grier, City Clerk