

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, TELECONFERENCE, AUGUST 3, 2020, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Steve Horton presided with Mayor Pro-tem Susie Keck, Council members: Hawnethia Williams, Kenneth Morgan, Anthony Henderson, Fleeta Baggett, and Don T. Floyd, City Manager Scott Andrews, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present.

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

Mayor Horton read a proclamation designating August 11th as City of Covington 811 Day.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on July 20, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on July 15, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, 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 TITLE 10 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 10.18.030 (OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS) OF CHAPTER 10.18 (MOTORIZED CARTS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to **remove** item #9, "Discussion of MGAG Trade Confirmations with Verescence."

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **on-premises consumption** only for:

**Ms. Tonya's Soul Food LLC
8105 Washington Street**

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Keck to approve a resolution updating the Short Term Community Work Program component to the City of Covington Comprehensive Plan 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the low bid from Anderson Grading for all three projects, in the total amount of \$828,576.00, for gravity sewer upgrades and improvements on Pace Street, Lackey Street, and Indian Creek Circle.

Gravity Sewer Upgrades and Improvements

Pace Street - Contract A

Company	Cost
Anderson Grading & Pipeline	\$280,630.00
GS Construction, Inc.	\$454,031.27
Legacy Water Group, LLC	\$477,749.00

Lackey Street - Contract B

Company	Cost
Anderson Grading & Pipeline	\$302,830.00
GS Construction, Inc.	\$532,251.40
Legacy Water Group, LLC	\$436,724.00

Indian Creek Circle - Contract C

Company	Cost
Anderson Grading & Pipeline	\$245,116.00
GS Construction, Inc.	\$355,450.32
Legacy Water Group, LLC	\$328,977.00

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a Bill of Sale from the City to the Newton County IDA conveying the U. S. Corrugated rail spur improvements.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution for the acceptance of funds from the Cares Act Grant contract in the amount of \$743,651.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve levying the 2020 Millage Rate at 7.186 mils.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Keck to cancel the upcoming fireworks display until next July 4th with the rescheduling fee of \$1,500.00 to be paid by Friends of Covington Fireworks, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

A concerned fireworks contributor stated they were unaware that the fireworks discussion would be on the agenda tonight.

Update from Community Development:

- Drive-in Concert proposed for 8/14
- Proposed Ice Rink for Legion Field
- Contacted Covington Trolley for public transportation
- Paving on Cricket Frog Trail to begin in one week
- Electric Cities of Georgia to visit on Thursday
- Welcome Center moving along
- Big thanks to Facilities Maintenance and Street Departments for all of their help

Council member Baggett thanked all of those who are working to get the Welcome Center up and running and stated there are a lot of tourists visiting Covington.

Council member Morgan stated he was informed there are young vandals living at 9270 Scarlett Drive. Council member Morgan stated there are a lot of vehicles at 9158 Rhett Lane suspects someone is running a repair shop. Council member Morgan stated there is a lot of overgrown vegetation at the entrance of Brown Bridge Crossing subdivision that needs removing.

Mayor's comments:

- Thanks to Council and staff for all of their hard work during these challenging times
- Wear masks, social distance, wash hands and use sanitizer
- Be careful in large gatherings

Council member Williams asked everyone to keep the Newton County School System in their prayers.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk