

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON,
GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE, MAY 3,
2021, 6:30 PM.**

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

Mayor Horton gave the invocation.

Mayor Horton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Horton read a proclamation declaring May as "Foster Care, CASA, and Foster Family Recognition Month"

Mayor Horton read a proclamation honoring "Kidpreneur Day" in Covington.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on April 23, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Baggett to table, "Re-discussion of Amendment 1 to the Glover Street Drainage Project." until the May 17th meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson 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 PROVISION OF TITLE 12 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 12.20.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 12.20 (PARKS)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Baggett to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

Sean Newton Spirits LLC
dba Newton Package

9197 Highway 278

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a System Maintenance Agreement Amendment No. 009 with Harris Technologies, Inc. in the annual amount of \$221,266.92, for the current radio system to be cost shared with Newton County and Cities of Oxford & Porterdale.

Council member Williams entered the meeting at 6:48pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Williams to approve the sole bid from Mason Tractor in the amount of \$54,000.00, to purchase a mini-excavator for the Gas Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve a Right of Way Deed and Right of Way Encroachment Agreement with the Church of the Good Shepherd Inc. in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta for Carroll Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the City Manager:

- May 2nd – 8th is Municipal Clerks Week
- CPD Fuzz Run Kick-off
- Officer Holbrook update
- Would like to take new Council pictures for lobby
- Juneteenth event to be County sponsored

Comments from the Assistant City Manager:

Updated the Council on current traffic study, needs Council input

Council member Williams read a letter from a citizen mentioning issues in Walker's Bend. Council member Williams mentioned an article in the Covington News interviewing Council member Morgan. Council member Williams stated at the last meeting there was an issue with a board member.

Council member Floyd stated there is an issue with people hanging out at an abandoned house on Lunsford Circle at the entrance of Central Park.

Council member Morgan stated he would like to meet the City's board and committee members.

Mayor Horton stated he would like for legal to weigh in on what can be discussed regarding boards and committees.

City Manager stated he would like to schedule a meet and greet with boards and committees.

Mayor's comments:

- Juneteenth update
- \$14 million sewer project update
- Wildwood Subdivision update
- Several board & committee terms due to expire

Council member Williams asked staff to report back if board & committee members have a conflict.

The City Attorney stated the chairman of each board is in charge of the meeting.

Mayor Horton stated he would like an update on the leased vehicle meeting.

Mayor Horton further stated a local business owner, Ben Holsten, thanked the City for providing businesses with grants last year.

Council member Williams reported a bad smell on Avery Street at the creek.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk