

**THESE MINUTES ARE NOT APPROVED YET.**

**REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, LEGION FIELD, OCTOBER 21, 2019, 6:30 PM.**

Mayor Ronnie Johnston presided with Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth Morgan, Council members: Josh McKelvey, Anthony Henderson, Michael Whatley, and Susie Keck, City Manager Leigh Anne Knight, City Clerk Audra M. Gutierrez, and City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr. present. Council member Hawnethia Williams was absent.

Council member Kenneth Morgan gave the invocation.

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

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Montrose Air Quality Services presented an update and summary of recent testing for Ethylene Oxide.

Ms. Sue Casteel with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) stated her agency will be studying ETO exposure in the community and make recommendations.

Attendees with questions/concerns:

Jason McCarthy, Cindy Jordan, John Alderman, Bernadette Smith, Monica Darrah, Tabatha Lamadieu, Denise Williams, and others.

Mayor Johnston called for a Q & A session.

Mayor Johnston called for a recess at 7:50 PM.

Mayor Johnston called the meeting back to order at 7:57 PM.

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1. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 13 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **AMENDING SECTION 13.08.380 (RIDERS AND ADJUSTMENTS)** OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Henderson to amend the agenda to add, “Approval of request for closure for filming November 5<sup>th</sup>” to Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 4. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Keck to amend the agenda to remove, "Approval of request for closure of Stone Mountain from Spring Street to West on November 9, 2019" from the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. Thelma Starr-Nolley discussed the Bohannon Street stormwater issue and inquired when it is expected to be fixed. Ms. Nolley asked how many employees lost jobs due to the privatization of the City's Sanitation Department.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to get with Ms. Nolley regarding the stormwater issue.

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

<b>Bench Warmers Sports Grill</b>	<b>10205 Access Road</b>
<b>El Charro Mexican Restaurant #1</b>	<b>3165 Elm Street NE</b>
<b>El Charro Mexican Restaurant #5</b>	<b>9148 Dr. ML King Ave</b>
<b>Longhorn Steakhouse #5244</b>	<b>6112 Pavilion Way NW</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 6. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a license to sell alcoholic beverages for **off-premises consumption** only for:

<b>Alcovy Road Chevron Beverage Mall</b>	<b>10176 Alcovy Road</b>
<b>Don's Supperette Pace Street BP</b>	<b>7254 Washington Street SW</b>
<b>Quicktrip #821</b>	<b>3251 Highway 278</b>
<b>Quicktrip #798</b>	<b>2106 Pace Street</b>
	<b>11124 Highway 142</b>
	<b>3214 Highway 278 NW</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 7. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a license for a **Beer and/or Wine Retail Amenity** only for:

<b>Southern Heartland Gallery &amp; Frames</b>	<b>1132 Monticello Street</b>
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Motion carried unanimously.

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- 8. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a revised request for filming in the downtown area November 4-6, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

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9. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a request for road closure in the downtown area on November 11, 2019, for Veteran's Day program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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10. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a request for filming on Carroll St. on October 23-24, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve a request for road closure for filming November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion carried unanimously.

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A public hearing was held at 8:15 PM concerning a text amendment to Chapter 16.20.

12. Motion made by Council member McKelvey, seconded by Council member Morgan 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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.08.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTEPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS) AND **AMENDING SECTION 16.20.290 (EXTENDED-STAY MOTEL/HOTELS) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS)** THEREOF TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$33,048.00, to purchase 216 ITRON meters for the Electric Department.

Motion carried with Council members Whatley, Morgan, Keck, and McKelvey voting for. Council member Henderson voting against.

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14. Motion made by Council member Keck, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve a pay request from American Railroad Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$506,861.80, for the US Corrugated Rail Spur.

Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Motion made by Council member Whatley, seconded by Council member McKelvey to approve the **first** reading of an ordinance for the City of Covington:

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Motion carried with Council members Whatley, Keck, and McKelvey voting for. Council members Morgan and Henderson voting against.

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16. Motion made by Council member Morgan, seconded by Council member Whatley to approve the low bid from GWES in the amount of \$84,714.00 plus an additional \$25,000.00 for construction inspection services for a total of \$109,714.00, for Gravity Sewer Upgrade and Improvement Projects.

GWES	\$84,714.00
Goodwyn Mills Cawood	\$112,200.00
Thomas & Hutton	\$178,250.00
Carter & Sloope	\$180,600.00

Motion carried unanimously.

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17. Motion made by Council member Henderson, seconded by Council member Morgan to approve moving December’s meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Comments from the City Manager:

- Executive Session 10/22 at 5:30 PM – City Manager search
- Paving to start on November
- 911 ribbon cutting tomorrow at 11 AM
- Scare on the Square next Thursday

Council member Whatley announced he has two council meetings left.

Council member McKelvey stated he will see everyone at the Change the World event on Saturday.

Mayor Johnston stated he was proud of the Council for taking leadership regarding the BD situation.

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Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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Ronnie Johnston, Mayor

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Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk

