

REGULAR MEETING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, COUNCIL ROOM, PUBLIC BY TELECONFERENCE, APRIL 5, 2021, 6:30 PM.

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

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 April as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*.

Ms. Lauren Gregory was in attendance to receive the proclamation and discuss their center, A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

1. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 15, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Keck 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 AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 (SCHEDULES) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC SYSTEM)** OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Council member Floyd, 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 2 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **ADOPTING SECTION 2.32.030 (CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD) OF CHAPTER 2.32 (POLICE DEPARTMENT)** THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the best bid from Mason Tractor in the amount of \$62,571.00, to purchase a mini-excavator for the Street Department.

Mason Tractor	\$62,571.00
Bobcat of Atlanta	\$55,762.84 (did not meet specs)
Wade Tractor	\$70,980.00 (did not meet specs)

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Floyd to approve a resolution for revision to the City’s garbage collection and sanitation service fees.

Motion carried with Council members Keck, Williams, Henderson, and Floyd voting for. Council member Baggett voting against.

6. Motion made by Council member Baggett, seconded by Council member Williams to approve a resolution appointing Mike Jewell as voting delegate and Freddy Morgan as alternate for the MGAG Annual Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the MEAG Power's 2020 Year-end Settlement, \$972,369.00, be applied to the New Generation and Capacity Funding Account – Intermediate Term Portfolio.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion made by Council member Williams, seconded by Council member Henderson to approve the MEAG Power's Telecom Project 2020 Year-end Settlement, \$2,288.00, be applied to the monthly MEAG bill.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion made by Council member Floyd, seconded by Council member Baggett to cancel the General Mills Contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the City Manager:

-Comprehensive Plan Update – looking for Council volunteer for panel

The Assistant City Manager gave an update on employee Jeremy Kitchens.

Council member Williams stated Covington is a Certified City of Ethics and also a City of Excellence. Council member Williams discussed an issue with a council member bringing a potential candidate to City Hall.

Council Member Morgan entered the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Mayor's comments:

-Some council members have submitted nominees for the Citizen's Review Board

-July 4th Fireworks update due by 4/19 to the fireworks company

-GMA District 5 Officer update

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Steve Horton, Mayor

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk