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THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,
TENNESSEE ON MARCH 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting to be called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.
2. Invocation to be given by Alderman Chris Richardson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to be led by Alderman Jeff Morris.
4. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting to be approved.
5. Report from Committees:
 - Minutes of the General Welfare - Public Safety Committee Meeting
 - Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting
6. Additions to the Agenda.
7. Welcome to visitors and grievances from citizens.
8. Report from Mayor Justin Hanson:
 - Appointment – Historic Zoning Commission
 - Updates
9. Report from Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn
10. Report from City Attorney Rachel Witherington
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
 - Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 ready for Board Approval

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met virtually on February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen: Danny Wallace, Johnetta Yarbrough, Jeff Morris, C H Sullivan, John Edwards, and Chris Richardson. Also present were Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Police Chief Larry Lindsey, Public Works Director David Gray, Personnel Director Tiny Rose, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Parks & Recreation Director Joe Mack, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.

Invocation was given by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderman John Edwards.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough that the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting be approved as distributed to the Board (See Attached).

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Sullivan.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Jeff Morris and seconded by Alderman Danny Wallace that the Minutes of the General Welfare – Public Relations be approved (See Attached).

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Sullivan.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris that the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting be approved (See Attached).

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Wallace Sullivan.

Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson reported there was one bid received at the bid opening for property located at 104 N. Main Street. This bid was received from Judy Fields in the amount of \$4,100.00.

Director Rose and Director Fisher verified all criteria were met. The Park and Recreation Department has requested the proceeds from this sale be designated to the Park and Recreation Department for park improvements.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Wallace to accept the bid from Judy Fields in the amount of \$4,100.00 and this amount be designated to the Park and Recreation Department for improvements.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Sullivan.

Abstain: Edwards

Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson reported Governor Lee has proposed virtual meetings be allowed through March, 2021.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Edwards to continue with virtual meetings for Board and Committee Meetings as allowed by Governor Lee.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Sullivan, Wallace.

Motion passed.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn reported the sales collections received in February were \$426,869.00 bringing year to date collections to \$2,172,860.00 (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris to accept the report from Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Sullivan, Wallace.

Motion passed.

Attorney Witherington reported the deed for the two-acre plot in Cobb Parr Park has been signed and recorded. She is currently working on the contract for the sale of the Anderson Field Property to Charms. She requested permission to order a title search on the property and consult with Skip Erwin to confirm the correct description of this parcel.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris to have Attorney Witherington to order a title opinion and consult with Erwin Surveying to confirm legal description.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Sullivan, Wallace

Motion passed.

The following bills over/under \$1,000.00 were presented for approval:

BNY MELLON	BIOMASS	INTEREST PYMT ON BOND	1,871.77
MEAC	GAS	PURCHASED NATURAL GAS	38,502.00
SOUTHWEST TN ELEC	VARIOUS	ELECTRIC	1,833.50
SANDSTORM	FIRE	EXCEL SPREADSHEET	1,162.50
EXPRESS BODY WORKS LLC	FIRE	REPAIRS	3,374.00
WOOTEN OIL CO	GENERAL	GAS	14,869.53
WITHERINGTON SERVICES	MAINT	HEATER REPLACEMENT	2,780.00
TITAN AVIATION FUELS	AIRPORT	AVGAS	13,228.73
OWEN JENKINS DEDMON	GENERAL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,625.00
A2H	SEWER	CIP	2,159.72
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES	PARK / REC	JR GRIZZLIES JERSEYS	4,350.00
COLUMBIA CHRYSLER	POLICE	2021 DODGE CHARGER	25,267.00
ROSE CONSTRUCTION	WATER	RIALTO INDUSTRIAL PARK	213,538.34
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		TOTAL	\$ 507,383.36

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Danny Wallace that the preceding bills over/under \$1000.00 be paid when properly approved.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Sullivan, Wallace.

Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Attest:

Recorder-Treasurer

Mayor

The General Welfare – Public Safety Committee met virtually on February 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Chris Richardson, and Alderman C H Sullivan. Also present were: Police Chief Larry Lindsey, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Public Works Director David Gray, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Assistant to the Mayor Rebecca Ray, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderwoman Yarbrough called the meeting to order.

Police Chief Lindsey reported the department has purchased a 2021 Dodge Charger for \$25,300.00 to replace the vehicle totaled from the December wreck. The fund to purchase this vehicle was a combination of insurance proceeds, General Fund, and \$5,000.00 from the Drug Fund. Two certified officers were given conditional offers and noncertified officers are being interviewed to fill the remaining positions. One Officer is at TLETA and will graduate on March 26, 2021. One Officer is scheduled to start TLETA on March 29, 2021. There was a termination of a probationary officer on February 19, 2021 for excessive absenteeism. The statistics for the month was presented showing 892 calls. for the month.

Motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Mayor Hanson to accept the report from Police Chief Larry Lindsey.

Voting Aye: Sullivan, Yarbrough, Phelps, Hanson

Motion passed.

Fire Chief Richard Griggs reported there were 70 hours worked by volunteers in the month of January. The run report was presented showing 174 calls from January 21st to February 18th. There has been a total of 325 calls for the year. The county coverage area collections are \$68,555.00. Chief Griggs will be attending the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Quarterly Meeting in Jackson. The care report was presented for review. There are 26 applicants for the volunteer program.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Hanson to accept the report from Fire Chief Richard Griggs.

Voting Aye: Sullivan, Yarbrough, Phelps, Hanson

Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

The Public Works Committee met virtually on March 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough. Also present were Public Works Director David Gray, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Alderman C H Sullivan, Alderman Chris Richardson, Assistant to the Mayor Rebecca Ray, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Pat Harcourt and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman Danny Wallace called meeting to order.

William Franklin, PATH Representative, gave a presentation for LED Lighting. This presentation showed an annual projected savings of \$83,000.00. An investment audit for a complete study can be performed. An estimated fee for this study is \$25,000.00. Further discussion for LED Lighting will continue at the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting in March, 2021.

Public Works Director David Gray reported the repair for the sink hole at the South Fire Station will begin on March 15, 2021. This pipe bursting project will be finished in approximately three weeks at a cost of \$92,560.00. Rose Construction will need to excavate on the property and install trench boxes at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00. This cost will be within the approved amount at the previous meeting. After several speeding complaints, a request for a four way stop at Haynie and Stitt was received. Director Gray recommended the approval of this request. An update on the Rialto water main was given. First Utility District requested to have a connection to the high-pressure gas line at Rialto in case of emergency. This contract has been sent to Attorney Witherington for review.

Motion was made by Alderman Jeff Morris and seconded by Alderwoman Morris to approve the four way stop at Haynie and Stitt Street.

Voting Aye; Hanson, Morris, Yarbrough, Wallace

Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Danny Wallace and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to approve the contract with First Utility District contingent on the approval from Attorney Witherington.

Voting Aye; Hanson, Morris, Yarbrough, Wallace

Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson and seconded by Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough to accept the report from Public Works Director David Gray.

Voting Aye; Hanson, Morris, Yarbrough, Wallace

Motion Passed.

Building Official Lessie Fisher reported studies are being completed for the updates on the Covington Municipal Code. Code Violations notices are being mailed to property owners. The Historic Zoning Commission guidelines are being updated. The Design Review Guidelines are being drafted. The Planning Commission approved the establishment of a subcommittee in the

designed review committee. Studies on how other jurisdictions handle Property Maintenance concerns were presented. The Trashercise will be March 13, 2021.

Motion was made by Alderman Morris and seconded by Alderwoman Yarbrough to approve the report from Building Official Fisher.

Voting Aye: Hanson, Morris, Yarbrough, Wallace

Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

COVINGTON HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

Regarding the vacant Class II position on the Covington Historic Zoning Commission representing a historical or patriotic organization:

Recommendation : Margaret U. Fleming is qualified to fill the unexpired term of Virginia "Ginny" Robbins who has resigned her position. This unexpired term will end in June 2021.

3-9-2021

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