

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at City of Covington on December 9, 2014 at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Justin Hanson; Aldermen: John Edwards, Jere Hadley, William Scruggs, William Timberlake, Mac McGowan, and Minnie Bommer. Also present were Olean Anderson, Dave Seagraves, Hyatt Williams, Drew Glass, Rob Witherington, Wanda Bellow, Police Chief C D "Buddy" Lewis, Fire Chief Jerry Craig, Public Works Director Robert Simpson, Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher, City Attorney T. D. Forrester, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.

Invocation was given by Alderman Jere Hadley.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderman Mac McGowan.

Motion was made by William Timberlake and seconded by Mac McGowan that the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting with the changes of Circuit Judge Weber McCraw and the date of 2015 be approved as distributed to the Board (See Attached).

Alderman Mac McGowan gave an update on the Minutes of the Public Works Committee with the addition of A2H will present an update on all projects at the next Finance and Administration Committee Meeting in January.

Motion was made by Mac McGowan and seconded by William Scruggs that the Minutes of the Public Works Committee with the addition above be approved (See Attached). Motion passed.

Mrs. Wanda Bellow requested that the City have a Proclamation to make the City of Covington a Purple Heart City.

Motion was made by Jere Hadley and seconded by John Edwards to draft a Proclamation to make the City of Covington a Purple Heart City to be presented at the next Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson presented a request from Covington High School for the City to assist in providing and repairing city lights (See Attached).

Alderman Jere Hadley reported the City could only do street lighting and not able to assist on public property with lighting.

Mayor Justin Hanson gave an update on the Bread of Life Outreach Ministries reporting there have been 376 household that have applied for Round-Up funds (See Attached).

Mayor Justin Hanson reported the Covington Municipal Airport has been awarded a grant of \$145,000.00 with a 5% match for the grading project on Runway 19 (See Attached).

Mayor Justin Hanson presented a letter of retirement from Fire Chief Jerry Craig for January 14, 2015 after 37 years of service (see Attached). Personnel Director Tiny Barton and he will be meeting with Dennis Wolfe for advisement on the vacancy of the Fire Chief position.

Mayor Justin Hanson requested an emergency purchase for two heating units for the City Hall Building at a cost of \$9,976.00 from Witherington Services.

Motion was made by Jere Hadley and seconded by William Timberlake to approve the emergency purchase for two heating units for the City Hall Building at a cost of \$9,976.00 amending the budget to include this amount. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher reported during the asbestos removal at the CMC Building, there was an unforeseen problem of tile needing to be removed that would need an additional funding of \$3,975.00 and could be completed while the area is under containment (See Attached).

Motion was made by Jere Hadley and seconded by Minnie Bommer to approve the additional cost of \$3,975.00 for the asbestos removal. Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson reported City Hall will have an open house on December 19, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:a.m. Also, Dickens Christmas and Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street at the Ruffin Theater would be this weekend, December 12-14, 2014.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn gave sales tax report for September collections received in November, 2014 which was \$267,791.00 at an increase of 9.3% (See Attached).

Motion was made by Jere Hadley and seconded by John Edwards to accept the sales tax report for September collections. Motion passed.

The following bills over/under \$250.00 were presented to the Board for approval:

Wells Fargo Financial	\$ 275.00	O'Reilly	\$ 302.76
Scruggs Equipment Company	\$ 2,110.09	State of TN	\$ 286.60
Scruggs Equipment Company	\$ 436.75	A-1 Door Company	\$ 456.50
Allied Waste	\$ 160,670.83	Wooten Oil	\$ 800.36
Duffield Aquatics	\$ 3,802.21	Wooten Oil	\$ 1,178.74
Quill	\$ 554.84	Wooten Oil	\$ 569.22
Bayird Chevrolet	\$ 501.17	Fidelity Search Enterprises	\$ 625.00
G & C Supply	\$ 820.00	Michael P. Russell	\$ 450.00
Kaeser & Blair Inc	\$ 509.35	G & C Supply	\$ 1,375.00
G & C Supply	\$ 1,600.00	Turf Doctors	\$ 349.30
G & C Supply	\$ 587.50	Cooper Janitorial Services	\$ 328.00
G & C Supply	\$ 1,617.99	Major League Lawn & Landscaping	\$ 780.00
B & H Sales	\$ 1,113.15	Roy Clay Turner	\$ 251.00
BWP	\$ 1,560.75	Tri State	\$ 2,881.25
Tri State	\$ 1,997.50	Cov- Tipton Co Chamber of Commerce	\$ 16,900.00
Utility Service	\$ 117,196.62	USDA	\$ 6,875.00
Grainger	\$ 2,076.00	Tiny Barton	\$ 705.38
HACH	\$ 573.67	Jere Hadley	\$ 724.79
Brenntag	\$ 1,280.00	John Edwards	\$ 607.67
Cooper Janitorial Services	\$ 1,328.00	Ed Timberlake	\$ 610.42
Hub City Tire Co	\$ 714.12	Tipton Co Education Foundation	\$ 2,000.00
Hub City Tire Co	\$ 714.12	A2H	\$ 1,080.00
Hub City Tire Co	\$ 690.88	A2H	\$ 484.50
Hub City Tire Co	\$ 489.84	A2H	\$ 2,500.00
Primus Builders	\$ 640.56	American Petroleum	\$ 293.67
US Postmaster	\$ 342.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 347,618.10</b>

Motion was made by John Edwards and seconded by Minnie Bommer that the preceding bills over/under \$250.00 be paid when properly approved. Motion passed.

Alderman William Scruggs recognized Grace Phelps for her work in the Bread of Life Ministry. Also, he recognized Fire Chief Jerry Craig for his 37 years of service at the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jerry Craig thanked the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief at the Covington Fire Department.

Mayor Justin Hanson asked if the Board would like to cancel the Board Meeting on December 23, 2014 due to the holidays.

Motion was made by Jere Hadley and seconded by William Timberlake to cancel the Board Meeting on December 23, 2014. Motion passed.

Alderman John Edwards requested all Committee Meetings be suspended until Mayor Justin Hanson made Committee appointments on January 13, 2015.

Motion was made by John Edwards and seconded by Minnie Bommer to suspend all Committee Meetings until committee appointments are completed by the Mayor on January 13, 2015.  
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Attest:

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Mayor