

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at City of Covington on July 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Justin Hanson; Aldermen: Mac McGowan, John Edwards, Minnie Bommer, Jere Hadley, Drew Glass, and William Timberlake. Also present were Assistant Police Chief Allen Wilson, David Gwinn, Public Works Director David Gray, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Justin Hanson.

Invocation was given by Alderman John Edwards.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer.

Motion was made by Alderman William Timberlake and seconded by Alderman Jere Hadley that the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting as distributed to the Board be approved (See Attached). Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Jere Hadley and seconded by Alderman Drew Glass that the Minutes of the General Welfare – Public Safety Committee be approved (See Attached). Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Jere Hadley and seconded by Alderman William Timberlake that the Minutes of the General Welfare – Public Relations Committee be approved (See Attached). Motion passed.

Miss Hattye Yarbrough approached the Board to seek an answer about the possible purchase of the Price Property for the African American Museum. Mayor Justin Hanson expressed this item was discussed at the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting and research was still ongoing. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer stated there were Artesian funds available that should go to the community if approved and if a portion of these funds were not used on the purchase of the Price Property, she would not vote for spending these funds on any other project.

Robert Simonton approached the Board concerning possible violations of the animal ordinance on Tuxedo Drive. Attorney Rachel Witherington and Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher will consult with Mr. Simonton to seek the proper legal procedures he will need to follow to resolve these issues.

Mayor Justin Hanson presented the TDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant Agreement for the Frazier Park Neighborhood Connector for approval (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Jere Hadley and seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer to approve the TDOT Alternative Grant Agreement for the Frazier Park Neighborhood Connector. Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson presented a Resolution to honor T. D. Forrester for his years of dedicated service to the City of Covington for approval (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer to approve the Resolution to honor T. D. Forrester for his years of dedicated service to the City of Covington. Motion passed.

Mayor Justin Hanson presented a Resolution to Honor William Harvey Wilson, Jr. for his 43 years of dedicated service to the City of Covington (See Attached).

Motion was made by Alderman Drew Glass and seconded by Alderman Mac McGowan to approve the Resolution to honor William Harvey Wilson, Jr. for his 43 years of dedicated service to the City of Covington. Motion passed.

Park and Recreation Director Joseph Mack discussed upcoming events at the park and recreation department including a soccer challenge, Rode to Glory 5K Series, and the Adopt a Park.

