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THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,
TENNESSEE ON April 8, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.

1. Meeting to be called to order by Mayor Jan Hensley.
2. Invocation to be given by Alderwoman Jean Johnson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to be led by Alderman John Edwards.
4. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting to be approved.
5. Report from Committees:
 - Minutes of Public Works Committee
6. Additions to the Agenda.
7. Welcome to visitors and grievances from citizens.
8. Report from Mayor Jan Hensley:
 - Updates
9. Report from Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.
10. Report from City Attorney Rachel Simmons.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
 - Proclamation For April 2025 to be Observed as Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Request for the Hwy 51 Sewer Extension Contract to be amended allowing A2H to make changes to the sewer line route; keeping the budget at a hard stop of \$3.5 million.
 - Resolution NO. 04082025-1 A Resolution of The Board of Mayor And Aldermen Of The City Of Covington, Tennessee, Expressing Support for Ford Motor Company's Blueoval City Project
 - Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 ready for Board Approval.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at City of Covington on March 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Vice Mayor Jeff Morris, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Jean Johnson and Alderwoman Margaret Fleming. Absent from the meeting were Mayor Jan Hensle and Alderman John Edwards. Also present were Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Park and Recreation Director Molly Glass, Museum Director Katherine Markley, Police Chief Donna Turner, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Human Resource Director Cody Bumpus, Assistant to the Mayor Jason Fleming, City Attorney Rachel Simmons and Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jeff Morris.

Invocation was given by Alderwoman Margaret Fleming.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderman Jeff Morris.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson that the Minutes of the proceeding Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting be approved.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to approve the Minutes from the Public Relations Committee Meeting.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the Minutes from the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

Motion passed.

Additions to the Agenda:

Parks and Recreation Director Glass reported details of work to be completed at the Ballfields on Mueller Brass Road. Director Glass reported to complete the urgent work listed as follows: Benches (\$6,232), Signage (\$888.08), Concrete Repair (\$1,800), Receptacles on backstop (\$750), Scoreboard Power

(\$15,000), Move conex – tow bill (\$300), Concrete cleanup at old concession stand (\$7,300), HVAC Unit (\$9,469). Total for urgent requests is \$40,851.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the emergency funds requested to complete repairs not to exceed \$46,651.00.

Motion passed.

Building Official Fisher reported a proposal for approval to advertise a bid for HVAC to be installed at 209 West Pleasant.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the HVAC Bid Proposal.

Motion passed with Alderman Wallace voting Nay

Building Official Fisher reported a proposal for approval to advertise a bid for Plumbing at 209 West Pleasant.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the Plumbing Bid Proposal.

Motion passed with Alderman Wallace voting Nay.

Building Official Fisher updated the Board of Mayor and Alderman on the Blight Project.

Museum Director Markley requested approval for a student from ETSU to be allowed to provide services at the Museum through Work Experience Placement.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Wallace to approve the ETSU Student for Work Experience Placement.

Motion passed.

Fire Chief Griggs requested approval of a MOU acknowledging damage will be made to structures that refuse their participation in the Lockbox Agreement, to enter property in the event of an emergency.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Wallace to approve the request for MOU presented by Chief Griggs.
Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Jeff Morris requested approval for a \$250.00 donation to be made to the Tipton County Garden Expo.

Motion was by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Johnson to approve the donation to the Tipton County Garden Expo.
Motion passed.

CEO of the Girls and Boys Club Ed Doyle made a request for the Alpha Kappa to use the facility to host Derby Day in the Park on May 3rd.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the use of the facility for the Alpha Kappa to host Derby Day in the Park.
Motion passed.

CEO Doyle announced that the Youth of the Month recipient is Jamear Yarbrough. CEO Doyle announced the Youth of the Year recipient is Mikyla Young. Both Youth Recipients were presented with certificates for their outstanding achievements.

Vice Mayor Morris announced the Grand Opening of the Stockdale's is this Saturday. Vice Mayor encouraged all citizens to attend and support Stockdale's and all local businesses. Vice Mayor gave thanks to all of the work and dedication from leaders of the Ruffin Theater. Vice Mayor announced great turnout of events at the Ruffin.

Treasurer-Recorder Elam reported sales tax received for the December collections were \$467,889, which is a decrease of \$120,246 or -20.4%. Year-to-date collections for fiscal year 2024 are \$2,522,731 which is a decrease of \$5,993 or - 0.2%.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve report made by Treasurer-Recorder Elam.

Motion passed.

No report was given by City Attorney Rachel Simmons.

Resolution of the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Covington, TN authorizing the Mayor to transfer Budgeted Funds within Expense Categories ready for approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Fleming for Resolution of the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Covington, TN authorizing the Mayor to transfer Budgeted Funds within Expense Categories.

Motion passed.

Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 ready for Board Approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Wallace and seconded by Alderwoman Johnson to approve Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 to be paid.

Motion passed.

With no further business motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Wallace for the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01p.m.

The Public Works Committee met at City of Covington on April 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman CH Sullivan, and Mayor Jan Hensley, Absent Alderman John Edwards. Also, present were Alderwoman Jean Johnson, Alderwoman Margaret Fleming, Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Human Resource Director Cody Bumpus, Al Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Channell, Police Chief Donna Turner and Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Chairman Alderman Wallace called meeting to order.

Public Works Director Tim Haynes reported the Wastewater Generator repair will be installed when the installation parts arrive. Director Haynes also reported he is waiting on bonds/insurance from the contractor to continue with the upgrades on the Wastewater Clarifiers. The parts have been ordered for the Water Well #7 which are due by the end of April. Director Haynes announced that bulk leaf removal has been stopped, and all leaf removal will now need to be bagged. Director Haynes also reported he plans to use the USDA/WELP Grant Funds to upgrade Wastewater Screw Pumps to Flygt Pumps, contingent on approval from A2H getting the grant amended for the purchase of the Flygt Pumps.

Motion was made by Alderman Morris and seconded by Mayor Hensley to approve Public Works Director Haynes report.
Motion passed.

Public Works Director Haynes reported the request for the Hwy 51 sewer line to extend to Hogan Road and turn to continue to Grant Lane to keep in line with the City's growth region.

Motion was made by Alderman Morris and seconded by Mayor Hensley to send the request to the following Board of Alderman and Mayor meeting on Tuesday April 8, 2025.
Motion passed.

Building Official Lessie Fisher reported the Blight Grant. Director Fisher plans to have the final revisions/updates to Mattie by March 38th. Once ECD has been reviewed and approved N Main and Haynie will be ready to start the bid process. Director Fisher stated on March 25th she performed a walk through with Jeff Eakes to confirm what needs to be included in that write-up. Director Fisher reported on

Property Maintenance concerns stating notices of violations were mailed for 181 Ervin Lane.

Alderman Wallace stated he would like Warning Tickets issued to be issued for vehicles that do not have current registration and/or multiple vehicles on streets.

Director Fisher reported that the new Pizza-Hut is having a Health Department Inspection tomorrow. Director Fisher reported bids for HVAC and Plumbing will run in the Leader on 4-23-25. The Bid Opening will be on 4-21-25 at City Hall.

Motion was made by Mayor Hensley and seconded by Alderman Morris to accept the report of Director Fisher.

Motion passed.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, We need to recognize that child abuse and neglect is a serious and growing problem that changes life's path for nearly 4 million of our nation's children annually; and

WHEREAS, This problem, which has reached epidemic proportions in all regions of our nation, respects no racial, religious, socio-economic, or geographic boundaries, and can prevent children from following the road to a successful future; and

WHEREAS, We need to take steps to educate the public on child abuse and its causes; and

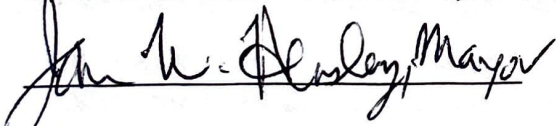
WHEREAS, The Exchange Club – Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is participating in National Child Abuse Prevention efforts through their awareness campaign with a western “Round Up Child Abuse” theme.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jan Wade Hensley, Mayor of the City of Covington, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 be observed as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Covington and urge all citizens to use this time to better understand, recognize, and respond to this grievous problem as the Center helps to strengthen families and prevent abuse.

NOW, WE FURTHER commend the Exchange Club - Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse for its continued success in helping families break free from the cycle of abuse and urge full public support of their successful efforts. In witness whereof, this the 4th day of April 2025.

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Jan Wade Hensley, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa S. Elam", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa S. Elam, Recorder-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 04082025-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FORD MOTOR
COMPANY’S BLUEOVAL CITY PROJECT

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Covington, Tennessee, to express support for Ford Motor Company’s BlueOval City project and recognize its significant economic impact on Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has established itself as a global leader in automotive production, continuing the state's legacy of manufacturing excellence; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City is projected to create approximately 6,000 new high-quality jobs for hardworking Tennesseans, offering competitive wages and benefits that support Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company announced a \$5.6 billion investment to build BlueOval City, an advanced vehicle and battery manufacturing campus in Stanton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City represents one of the largest manufacturing investments in Tennessee history, further strengthening the state's tradition of American manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company's investment in BlueOval City reflects confidence in Tennessee's business-friendly environment, sensible regulatory framework, and values-based communities; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City exemplifies the strength of the advanced manufacturing sector and supports the United States' position as a leader in global manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, an economic impact study estimates that BlueOval City will generate 27,000 future direct and indirect jobs, resulting in more than \$1.02 billion in annual earnings for Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will produce significant tax revenue for local communities and support new and existing small businesses, contributing up to \$3.5 billion annually to Tennessee’s gross state product; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will revitalize rural communities in West Tennessee, providing economic opportunities that support future generations; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between BlueOval City, Ford, BlueOval SK, the State of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Valley Authority has resulted in over \$500 million in public infrastructure investment for the region; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company has pledged \$30 million through Ford Philanthropy and the Good Neighbor Plan to invest in workforce development, farmers and small businesses, literacy programs, youth initiatives, and community spaces in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will not only support Tennessee workers but also enhance the United States' global leadership by strengthening American manufacturing capabilities, reducing reliance on foreign supply chains, and bolstering national security and economic sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will help maintain America's competitiveness in automotive manufacturing, preserving technological leadership and industrial capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly recognizes the importance of supporting American companies that invest in American workers and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Covington, Tennessee, that we hereby express our strong support for Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City project and acknowledge its substantial economic benefits and job creation potential for the citizens of Tennessee.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we support policies at the federal and state levels that sustain Ford's investment in BlueOval City, fostering growth and opportunity for families in West Tennessee and beyond.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we advocate for the preservation of pro-business manufacturing tax credits. Specifically, the *Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit*, also known as the **45X** credit, is vital for boosting domestic battery production, advancing new technologies, and strengthening the U.S. supply chain.

ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

APPROVED:

Jan Hensley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Elam, Recorder-Treasurer