

**MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY, 08, 2025**

The Council for the City of Covington held a regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 08, 2025**, at **6:30 PM** in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 West Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor William E. Carson Jr., called the meeting to order. Mayor Carson asked City Clerk Amber Nicely to show all council members in attendance with the exception of Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and City Manager Allen Dressler.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William E. Carson Jr., Vice Mayor Fred Forbes III, Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder, and Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe. Also in attendance was Director of Finance David Bryant and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

Reverend Frances Stewart delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Only one citizen was present to address the Council: Angela McMillion, a resident of Covington living at 217 Spruce Street. Mrs. McMillion spoke about the condition of the sidewalks surrounding her property, expressing her concern that she cannot make repairs herself because the sidewalks are considered historical. She also mentioned her difficulty in reaching the Director of Public Works, Anthony Lowry, regarding this issue. Mrs. McMillion is worried that if the sidewalks remain unrepaired, it could lead to an accident involving her elderly mother. Mr. Bryant requested that Mrs. McMillion provide her contact information so that he could have someone investigate the situation as soon as possible.

The council unanimously approved the agenda for tonight's meeting, with Vice Mayor Forbes making the motion and Councilwoman Wolfe seconding it.

Mayor Carson then read the minutes from the June 2025 meetings for approval. He requested a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Forbes made the motion, which Councilwoman Wolfe seconded. The following meeting minutes were approved by the City Council, all in favor:

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| 1. Work Session. | June 03, 2025 |
| 2. Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for DSS - CSA Funding Request. | June 10, 2025 |
| 3. Called Public Hearing for the Proposed 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year Budget. | June 12, 2025 |
| 4. Called Meeting to vote for the Proposed 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year Budget. | June 19, 2025 |

There were no resolutions or ordinances for the Council to consider.

Mayor Carson read a request from Ms. Stephanie Clark and made a motion to appoint her to the Ninth District Financial Board of Directors. Vice Mayor Forbes seconded the motion, which was passed with unanimous approval from the Council. Ms. Clark has been reappointed to the Ninth District Financial Board of Directors.


There was no report from the City Manager tonight.

New business that was discussed included Police of Chief Christopher Smith informing the Council about the community event National Night Out for Police, Fire, EMS, and other first responders, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The event will feature bounce houses, dunk tanks, demonstrations, and the City Pool will be open to the public, along with many other activities to promote community engagement.

There was no old business to discuss.

With no further business coming before the Council, the City Council regular session for Tuesday, July 08, 2025, was adjourned. Mayor Carson recommended adjourning the meeting. Vice Mayor Forbes made the motion to adjourn, and Councilwoman Wolfe seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously in favor.


FRED F. FORBES III., MAYOR

ATTEST:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
AMBER N. NICELY, CITY CLERK