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AUGUST

Public Works Committee - August 3

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - August 10

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

Finance and Administration Committee - August 17

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

Public Safety Committee - August 24

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

Committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall. All Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 5:30 pm in the Board Room on the 2nd floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are open to the public. Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.

**City Board meetings are also live-streamed
on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).**



General Welfare / Public Relations Committee - 8/10/21

Present: Chairman Jeff Morris, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen/woman CH Sullivan, Chris Richardson, Danny Wallace, Johnetta Yarbrough. Museum Director Katherine Markley, Fitness Coordinator Whitney Wallace, Recorder Treasurer Tina Dunn

Chairman Alderman Morris called meeting to order.

Due to Airport Manager Robin Anderson absence, Mayor Hanson gave report for the airport. He reported July fuel sales of 13,196 gallons. The security upgrades are in process. The ACIP has been updated. The annual inspection has been completed and new license issued.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Justin Hanson to accept the airport report. Motion passed.

Fitness Coordinator Whitney Wallace gave an update on the park maintenance projects approved in the previous budget year. The timers on the tennis court lights have been installed. The old soccer goals at Frazier Park have been removed. Deposits have been paid to resurface the basketball and tennis courts. Donations have been received from Baptist Memorial Hospital, Cold Storage, and Unilever to assist with the cost to resurface Frazier Basketball Court. The security system at Frazier Park is in the process of being installed. The special events committee meeting minutes were presented.

Motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson and seconded by Alderman C H Sullivan to accept the park and recreation report. Motion passed.

Museum Director Kathryn Markley reported the veteran of the month is John Abbott and will be recognized on August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The museum had 520 visitors for the month. The front entrance and left ease overhangs have been rebuilt along with the cleaning of the gutters. The gift shop has been remodeled. Upcoming events include Cars & Coffee, National Dog Event, Paula Sweat Rock Painting Class, Natural Journaling Classes, and the Garden Series.

Motion was made by Mayor Hanson and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to accept the report from Museum Director Markley. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.



Finance and Administration Committee - 8/17/21

Present: Chairman CH Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen/woman Jeff Morris, Chris Richardson, Danny Wallace, Johnetta Yarbrough.

Parks and Recreation Director Glass began the discussion on the Frazier Alumni Center Roof. A presentation was given to show the damages to the roof and the building. The roof repair is estimated to be \$70,000.00 which includes gutters and siding.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris to proceed with the request for proposal for the Frazier Alumni Center roof amending the budget to include the estimated cost of \$70,000.00. Alderman Wallace requested the RFP to include alternative repairs if total roof repair is not necessary. Motion passed.

Police Chief Lindsey gave an overview on crime statistics. The crime solve rate is at 53.65% which is above the estimated TN rate of 39.36%. Total offenses showed a 26.6% decline from 785 to 586. Year to date, there have been a total of 501 arrests. Crime is down 37.61%. Five additional cameras will be installed.

Building Official Fisher began discussion on proposed updates to Code Chapter 8 (Alcoholic Beverages). She has gathered information from the MTAS website and will forward to committee members. If the committee has any proposed changes, they will need to contact Attorney Witherington or Director Fisher

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



Public Safety Committee - 8/24/21

Present: Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen Jeff Morris, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan, Sgt. Tony Ginn, Chief Richard Griggs, Kristen Mathis

Covington Police Department Report - Sgt. Tony Ginn

Personnel report states that 3 conditional offers have been extended to fill remaining open positions. Start date would be August 30th. All officers are non certified and will start TN Law Enforcement Training Academy on October 4th.

Promotional process is complete. Ofc. Billy Campbell has been promoted to sergeant. Sgt Campbell will spend two weeks with each sergeant on their assigned shift as part of training and attend Firstline Supervisory School at the end of the month. There are now 5 sergeants in the department.

Captain Howell is continuing training at Southeastern Command Leadership School. Detective Doss is attending Criminal Investigations School this week and Lr. McCurry and Det. Dowell just returned from a Homicide Conference.

Fleet Report - PL03 damaged when struck by a fleeing subject has been repaired and put back in service. PL06 which was totaled in July needs to be replaced and PL41 has also been deemed a total loss and needs to be replaced. The used parts from these vehicles plus 2 insurance payments will replace one vehicle. Still need \$35,000 to replace other vehicle. Alderman Sullivan made motion to send this issue to Finance and Administration Committee, Alderman Richardson 2nd, so moved.

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept report, Mayor Hanson 2nd, report accepted.

Covington Fire Department Report - Chief Richard Griggs

Chief Griggs invited Committee members to the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) Public Classification in Dyersburg on 9/28.

There were 15 volunteer hours worked in the month of June. Total calls July 23-August 19 were 209 with 1662 for the year. Calls are up by 400 and the increase is mostly COVID related.

County coverage area collections for 2021 is \$82,840.

The fire department is fully staffed. New firefighters Ginn and Moore will start the Madison County 10-week recruit training class and Firefighter Smith will attend skills sessions to include automobile extrication.. Cpt. Travis, Lt. Duvanav, and Lt. Ruffin attending International Arson Conference in Gatlinburg August 23-27.

CARE Report Submitted

Tanker 1, which was recalled, is repaired and back in service.

Volunteer firefighters are 2 weeks into the hybrid basic firefighting training class. Graduation will be around Christmas.

Chief Griggs has applied for the Safety Partners Grant with a \$4,000 match.

Rogers Hydrant Service is completing the project to paint fire hydrants. The color of the hydrants specifies how many gallons of water per minute.

Mayor Hanson moved to accept report, Alderman Richardson 2nd, report accepted.

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Request a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment



Due to the increased demand for COVID-19 testing, the Tipton County Health Dept. is offering drive-thru testing Monday-Friday starting August 20, 2021. The new hours are: Monday and Friday 1:30-2:30pm, Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30am, Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 – 3:30pm. They are also offering the Everlywell self-test kits anytime outside of these hours. The health department is also continuing to offer the COVID vaccine Monday-Friday. Appointments are available at www.vaccinate.tn.gov or walk-ins are welcome.



Baptist- Tipton was thrilled to welcome five members of the Tennessee Army National Guard into their facility this week. They will assist in the ER and on the inpatient units.

HELP STOP COVID-19

FDA



Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Wash your hands often



Cover your mouth and nose with a mask



Avoid crowds and practice social distancing

6 feet
Maintain distance

WE ❤️ OUR TEAM MEMBERS



Congratulations to our new Covington Parks & Recreation Director Molly Glass and new City of Covington Human Resources Director Eboni Eaton! Both were recommended and Board approved during the Board meeting on August 10th! Mayor Hanson had the pleasure of administering their oaths of office as our meeting concluded. Both ladies are Covington High Charger graduates and are extremely excited to serve our city!



Thank you to our Covington Police Officers and Covington Fire Fighters who graduated from Tipton County Schools and chose to come back and serve their home community! We appreciate you!



After completing the MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service) Assessment Center, Covington Police Department Officer Billy Campbell was promoted from patrol to sergeant! Congratulations!



Sgt. Campbell has served with the department since 2016 and is an enlisted supervisor in the Army National Guard! Thanks for your service, sir!



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM
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NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum Presents

Art with Barbara

With Barbara Flowers McBride

Renowned artist Barbara McBride is returning to teaching acrylic painting on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. Barbara will review the properties and applications of acrylic paint and will help you create beautiful artwork. Participants will provide their own supplies. Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list & registration.

Friday, Aug. 13, 20, 27 &

Sept. 10, 17, 24, 2021

9:30-11:30 am

\$15 Museum members / \$20 non-members PER CLASS

Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0242

DIGGING FOR ROOTS:

Discovering Your "Lost" Ancestors

Mondays, Sept. 20 & 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25

6:30 to 9 pm

a six-week genealogy course instructed by
Archivist / Genealogist Sherri Onorati
at the Tipton County Museum

\$85 to Museum or Friends of the TCPL members &
\$100 for non-members for the 6-week course

For more information call 901-476-0242 or
visit the Tipton County Museum



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www.covingtontn.com/museum or facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum

Coffee with the Mayor

Public
Invited

7:30 am - 9:00 am
Brunch Time Café
DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Ctr.
Covington, TN

Tuesday, September 7th

NEVER FORGET

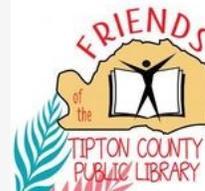
UNITED 20th Anniversary

Memorial Service
September 11, 2021
@7:30am
Atoka Town Hall

Summer
**BAG BOOK
SALE**

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

\$1.00 per bag



TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Mark your calendars for September 23rd-26th for the 26th Annual Heritage Festival!

Thursday, September 23rd will be the Farm to Table Dinner at The Manor at Mount Carmel barn and serves as a fundraiser for the Court Square Farmers Market.

Friday, September 24th includes an evening reception at the Tipton County Museum along with a play at the Historic Ruffin Theater.

Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th will be the arts, crafts, food, and music festival in our beautiful Historic Covington Downtown!

Click [HERE](#) for all the details on this great annual event!



Our hearts here in Covington are heavy for our friends, family, and neighbors in Middle Tennessee after last Saturday's catastrophic flooding. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in Humphreys County (Waverly), Dickson County (Charlotte), Houston County (Erin), & Hickman County (Centerville) as well as surrounding areas. Since we are the Tennessee Volunteers, we know you likely want to help. First, please adhere to all state and local guidance before entering any disaster area. Secondly, we have compiled the information below to help efficiently and appropriately direct resources for the flood victims:

TEMA Middle TN Flooding Resources: <https://www.tn.gov/.../middle-tennessee-flooding-recovery...>

Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis GoFundMe fundraiser for homeless victims: https://www.gofundme.com/f/official-humphreys-county-homeless-fund?utm_campaign=p_cp%20share-sheet&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&fbclid=IwAR0Thq6fDVdn5nRFu2Z878qmGtREC8Fy82xzn4sz7a8rp9Lz5Q1LngjTKJM

FEMA Disaster Assistance: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Community Foundation of Middle TN: <https://www.cfmt.org/august-flood-2021-resources/...>

Hands on Nashville: <https://handsonnashville.wordpress.com/.../humphreys.../...>



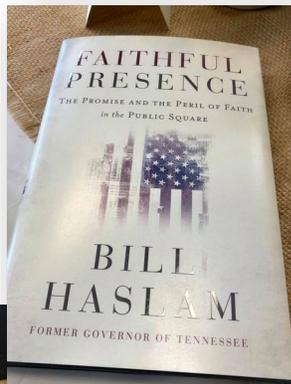
Republic Services' drivers and staff will be celebrating Labor Day with their families. Therefore, the following holiday schedule will be in effect for all residential routes:

Monday, September 6th Service day will be on Tuesday, the 7th
 Tuesday, September 7th Service day will be on Wednesday, the 8th
 Wednesday, September 8th Service day will be on Thursday, the 9th
 Thursday, September 9th Service day will be on Friday, the 10th
 Friday, September 10th Service day will be on Saturday, the 11th

Support LOCAL

We are happy to report Covington's economy remains strong! We've received our June local option sales tax report. Month-to-date sales are up 0.8% (\$3,011). Year-to-date sales are also up 12.1% (\$478,971). This means we can celebrate an entire fiscal year of positive sales tax growth here in Covington! Please continue shop local. We'll be looking for you!!

The employees at City Hall would like to thank Yosef Hamadneh for donating a picnic table for us to use! Mr. Hamadneh is opening a new business in Covington. We will share details soon!



Thanks to the WestStar Leadership Program for hosting former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam in Jackson! Tennessee's 49th Governor was in town to talk about his new book, "Faithful Presence". Drawing upon his years of public service as both two-term Mayor of Knoxville and two-term Governor, Haslam talked about his vision in regards to the redemptive role of faith in politics. His message was one of encouragement to West Tennessee leaders about being both faithful and present even amidst polarization and division.



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America the Beautiful

9th Annual Squarecrow Contest

*hosted by the Covington Economic Development Corporation
and Keep Tipton County Beautiful!*

Groot



Glass Slipper



These squarecrows are to be made out of glass only.

These squarecrows should only include natural elements such as; flowers, wood, etc..

Everything but the Kitchen Sink



These squarecrows are to be made of everything in between including the kitchen sink!

Tin Man



These squarecrows are to be made out of metals only.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 3rd Submit entry form/fee & collect frame at Chamber office by this day
- Sept. 13th- Sept. 19th Installation week for Squarecrows
- Sept. 20th- Oct. 31th All Squarecrows displayed in Historic Covington Square

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, for your favorite entries

- Nov. 1st- 3rd Pick up Squarecrows
- Nov. 8th All 6 Winners Announced




For more details call 901 289 1302 or email cedc38019@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY VIGIL

JOIN US AS WE RING BELLS AND OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

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Covington Integrated Arts Academy



Mayor Hanson and the Covington Fire Department celebrated the first day of school with the students and staff at the Covington Integrated Arts Academy!! Thanks so much to teacher Taryn Anderson for inviting us for this exciting day! We hope that all the students and staff at all of our schools have a wonderful and safe school year. **GO CHARGERS!!**

FALL into a NEW CAREER at TCAT COVINGTON



Immediate Openings for September 1st

- ▶ Administrative Office – Day & Evening
- ▶ Automotive Technology
- ▶ Digital Agronomy
- ▶ HVACR – Evening
- ▶ Machine Tool – Day & Evening
- ▶ Pharmacy Technology

Please call 901-475-2526 or visit tcatcovington.edu for more information!

TENNESSEE Promise

Class of 2022 Application Now Available
Apply at TNPromise.gov by November 1, 2021 to begin your journey as a TN Promise scholar!



Thanks to the TACL Tennessee Association for Community Leadership for the invitation to Mayor Hanson to lead a discussion on how media and leadership coincide.



From press releases to presenting a positive and productive message, messaging is crucial to keep communities thriving and connected! The Mayor thoroughly enjoyed the round table on some best practices to help us do just that!



In commemoration of Alex Haley's 100th birthday, we gathered last week with his grandson and others in celebration! Former Tennessee Governor and US Senator Lamar Alexander flew into Covington's airport and served as the keynote speaker at the event! Mayor Hanson joined Ripley Mayor Craig Fitzhugh and Henning Mayor Baris Douglas in presenting Alex Haley Museum Director Richard Griffin a proclamation in celebration of Alex Haley's life and legacy.



Congratulations to our Tipton County Museum August Veteran of the Month John Abbott. John Durwood Abbott was born November 4, 1922, in Wesson, Arkansas, the only child of Henry C. and Carrie May Abbott. John left school after the 7th grade to work on tugboats towing barges from Houston, Texas, to Mobile, Alabama. He joined the maritime services in early 1945 and was assigned to the Tosetalle, a T-2 fuel tanker, where he spent much of his time as helmsman. His ship crossed the Pacific Ocean, avoiding mines and at least one Japanese submarine. In August 1945, they were 800 miles off the coast of Okinawa when "the bomb" was dropped. He received his honorable discharge in September and immediately joined the U.S. Army. After boot camp at Camp Stoneman, Calif., he boarded a transport ship headed to Iwo Jima by way of Guam and Saipan, where he served for a year overseas. He received his honorable discharge in July 1947 and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and lapel button for his time in the Army. John returned to the midsouth and attended Hemp Hill Diesel School in Memphis, intending to bolster the knowledge he had obtained during his time in the service. After his marriage in 1948 to Janie Reamonnia Millican, his plans changed. To pursue his interest in horology (the study and measurement of time), he moved his family to Farmerville, La., to do on-the-job-training under two of his cousins who were watchmakers and jewelers.



John opened his first jewelry store in Camden, Ark., where he also worked part-time as a security guard at a local ordinance plant. Once he moved his family and business to Gurdin, Ark., his business flourished. He attracted the attention of the men who worked for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and quickly became the official watch inspector for the railroad. He eventually was the only person allowed to work on watches for the railroad workers. About 1952, he unrooted everything and moved to Millington, Tennessee, where he opened a jewelry shop on Navy Road and did a booming business for almost 20 years. He eventually opened a small shop in Munford, and another in Frayser. Ready for a change, he closed his stores in the early 1970's and moved his family to Australia. He quickly found work in horology there; but after a couple of years, it was time to return home. He reopened his businesses in Millington and Frayser with his wife as a bookkeeper. Her death in 2010 irrevocably changed things, and in 2018 he decided it was time to retire. He spends his days working around his house and property in Drummonds and can usually be found tinkering in his garage or cutting his yard. He is a member of the Tipton County Veterans Council and American Legion Post 237. John was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Kathy Desjarlais.





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