



Covington – Living, Learning, Working Together

Mayor Justin Hanson

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Public Works Committee - 1st Tuesday

Chairperson Danny Wallace, Jeff Morris, Johnetta Yarbrough

General Welfare/Public Relations Committee - 2nd Tuesday

Chairperson Jeff Morris, CH Sullivan, John Edwards

Finance and Administration Committee - 3rd Tuesday

Chairperson CH Sullivan, All Board Members

Public Safety Committee - 4th Tuesday

Chairperson Johnetta Yarbrough, Chris Richardson, CH Sullivan

All Committee meetings are held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting www.covingtontn.com.

The Finance and Administration Committee met virtually on April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman C H Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Aldermen: Johnetta Yarbrough, Danny Wallace, Chris Richardson, John Edwards, and Jeff Morris. Also present were: Building Official Lessie Fisher, Public Works Director David Gray, Personnel Director Tiny Rose, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Police Chief Larry Lindsey, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Assistant to the Mayor Rebecca Ray, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman C H Sullivan called meeting to order.

The LED Lighting presentation was delayed and will be brought back to the Finance & Administration Meeting in May. This project has been advertised for bids and these bids will be opened on April 26, 2021.

Recorder-Treasurer requested to pay off the current leases of the three police vehicles that were purchased in the current budget year. The purchase of these vehicles are budgeted line items and funded by the state grant that was received in July, 2020.

Motion was made by Alderman Wallace and seconded by Alderwoman Yarbrough to approve the request from Director Dunn and pay off the current leases of the three police vehicles that were leased in the current budget year.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Hanson, Sullivan
Motion passed.

Park and Recreation Director Joe Mack began discussion on the special events application fee. CEO James Moore, Boys & Girls Club, requested that the gate receipt be waived for the tractor pull event on June 5, 2021. Also, it was requested to waive the application fee for all special events.

Motion was made by Alderman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Morris to waive the gate fee for the tractor pull event and waive the \$25.00 application fee for all special events going forward.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Hanson, Sullivan
Motion passed.

Director Mack requested additional funding for the replacement of the engineer wood fiber used throughout the city on the playgrounds. He requested to amend his budget for the purchase of the pour and place to be used on the playgrounds. This purchase will have an initial cost of \$45,000.00. This will be further discussed at the next meeting in May. The sales tax collections will be reviewed along with the cost savings to the City.

Attorney Witherington and Director Fisher presented the proposed updates/changes to Title 4 & 5 in the Municipal Code. Proposed changes to Title 6 & 7 will be presented at the next meeting in May.

Motion was made by Alderman Edwards and seconded by Alderman Sullivan to authorize Attorney Witherington to form the policy for the sale of surplus property.

Voting Aye: Yarbrough, Edwards, Morris, Richardson, Wallace, Hanson, Sullivan
Motion passed.

The Administrative Ordinance was presented for review. This ordinance will be submitted for approval at the same time the Budget Ordinance is presented.

Mayor Hanson began the first round of budget discussions. He reported in this budget is included salary increases bringing employees to the minimum range. Employees will move from one level to the next within a five-year time period. A request was presented from Judge Witherington for an increase in his salary due to the increase in the workload with citations. Increases for the Mayor and Aldermen were discussed. If an increase in salary is proposed, it will not go into effect until the next term of office.

Continued budget discussions will take place during the next regularly scheduled Finance meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. The first reading of the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th, the second reading Tuesday, June 8th, and the third and final reading Tuesday, June 22nd.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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.

Due to COVID-19, all public meetings are being held virtually. If you would like the link to join virtually, please email rgray@covingtontn.com. City Board meetings are also live-streamed on our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES



DSCC DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DSCC's Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington will serve as a COVID-19 vaccination site on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning April 17. Patients must be 18 years or older and register online only ahead of time at www.dsc.edu/vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccines

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

Banner Health

VACCINE MYTH

VACCINE FACT



It was rushed and isn't safe

Researchers took no safety shortcuts. Large studies show the vaccine is safe.



It changes your DNA

It's impossible for the vaccine to change your DNA



It can give you COVID-19

The vaccine doesn't contain a live virus strain



It contains egg protein

It doesn't have egg proteins and can be given to people with egg allergies



It causes severe side effects

For most, the vaccine causes mild side effects that resolve in a few days



It makes women infertile

There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility

SOURCE: Sanford Health





Cobb-Parr Park June 4-5th



Kids Hamburger Cookoff

Friday, June 4, 2021 @3:30PM

Ages 10-15

Win a **Big Green Egg**

Sponsored by



Friday, June 4, 2021

@Baltzer Field

Registration @6PM

\$40 per team

Tournament Begins @ 8PM

1st Place \$250

2nd Place \$100

3rd Place \$50



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Needs Volunteers!

ARISE2Read is a literacy program that allows volunteers to take an active role in improving the literacy skills of 2nd grade students in our public schools. Volunteers tutor one hour per week, using a simple sight word approach to help build accuracy and fluency. Volunteers do not need a background in education, just a heart for children and a desire to see them succeed. Training is provided.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact:

Liz Newman, Director of Outreach

First United Methodist Church-Covington

(901)476-0694

lnewman@covingtonfumc.com

▲CodeRED™

TEXT "TiptonTN"
to 99411 to
enroll in CodeRED
public safety alerts



***Help Nick Extinguish
Cancer!***
[Click HERE to Donate!](#)

Late 2019, Nick was diagnosed with lung cancer. He went through rigorous chemo and pulmonary surgery. Subsequently, he lost his right lung due to the extent of the cancer. Nick bounced back rather quickly, but due to his physical limitations he no longer could be a full time firefighter for The City of Munford - Fire Department. Thus he took all his humor and light to Baptist Regional Ambulance Service - Tipton County. Just recently April 2021, Nick went for a PET scan and the doctors located Stage 4 Cancer in his spine, liver, clavicles, jaw, and ribs. Nick will soon start rigorous chemo and radiation. Nick has a 1 year old daughter and spouse at home. Any help for this family in this time of need would be graciously appreciated. God Bless!

and now for some

GOOD NEWS



The City of Covington's local economy continues to remain strong!
We have just received our monthly local option sales tax revenue report. Month-to-date sales are up 1% (\$2,808). Year-to-date sales are up 11.9% (\$300,035). The strength of our local economy depends on you, and we certainly appreciate your willingness to [#ShopLocal](#).
Come see us and shop in Covington soon! We'll be looking for you!



Thanks Atoka Parks & Recreation for inviting Mayor Hanson to join other municipal, county, and state colleagues in judging the "Mayor's Pie Challenge" at Atoka BBQ Fest on April 10th! The weather was perfect and the desserts even better!!

support local.



Canaan Family Resource Center

Community Baby Shower Collection Site



We are hosting a Community Baby Shower at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 211 N. Main Street, Covington, TN, on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and need the following:

Diapers

Diaper Rash

Cream

Bath Items

Bath Tubs

Baby Wash

Baby Lotion

T-Shirts

Swaddles

Blankets

Formula

Onesies

Booties

Mittens

Bottles

Bag-Bottles

Wipes

Towels

Pacifiers

Monitors

Bassinets

Baby Food



For more information,
please contact us at:
Info@CanaanFam.Org



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SAVE THE DATE!
VIRTUAL
EVENT

Spring Into Women's Health

April 29th from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Informative Guest Speakers, Cooking Demos, and learn how to brighten your wardrobe!

Register at the link:

<https://forms.gle/LBEr7nKANgJD5mTT7>



U-EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

LEARN TO CROCHET

- Mondays @ 7PM
April 19th - May 24th
- \$75 fee includes materials
- Limited spots available



REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL
901.296.5158



Come join us at the library!
10:00 am outside near kid's entrance.
Join Ms. Stacey every Tuesday
starting May 4th!

Bring your own chairs or blankets.
Take-home crafts provided! Rain cancels!

Questions? Call Tipton Co. Public Library - 901-476-8289



Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 27th 2021

Covington Country Club

Tee Off at 12:30pm Lunch Served at 11am

Join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, food, and golf as we celebrate and show appreciation of the Tipton County manufacturers that positively impact the economy in our region!

Call 901 476 9727 or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com



- Manufacturers get 1 FREE Team and Golf Cart
- All other teams pay \$300 which includes Green Fees, Lunches, Drinks, Snacks & Entry to Door Prize Drawing for 4 Players

****Try the Putting Contest for a Chance to Win a destination GOLF TRIP****

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Advanced reservations are required

Reservations finalized when payment is received

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(901) 476-1515

RSVP By: May 15, 2021

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The Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center
For the Prevention of Child Abuse

RESERVATION FORM

May 22, 2021
The Ruffin Theater
133 West Pleasant Ave, Covington, TN

Diamond - \$2,000

Reserved Seating of 8 in Section 1—Recognition during the event & Full Page Ad in program

Platinum - \$1,000

Reserved Seating of 8 in Section 2—Recognition during the event & Half Page Ad in program

Gold - \$600

Reserved Seating of 8 in Section 3 - Recognition during the event & Quarter page Ad in program

Silver - \$300

Reserved Seating for 4 in Section 4 and Recognition in program

Bronze - \$100 Recognition in Program

Single Admission \$50 per person in Section 5 (group admission put number of seats needed)

Full Page Ad Only - \$200.00

Half Page Ad Only - \$150.00

Quarter Page Ad Only - \$100.00

Please submit ads to ncaldwell@carlperkinscenter.org by May 15th

SELECT ONE SHOW TIME

Show @ 1:00pm _____

Show @ 4:00pm _____

Seating Location: Section 1 will be closest to the stage, and moving back in order with sections 2, 3, 4, and 5. Seats will be reserved under the Reservation Name.

RESERVATION NAME: Please place group reservations under one name.

Business Name: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail _____

Coffee
with the
Mayor

Public
Invited

Tuesday, May 4th
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Pappy & Jimmie's
749 N. Main St.
Covington, TN 38019



Adult Education FAQs



What is Adult Education?

The Adult Education program gives another option to high schoolers who aren't on track to graduate (or anyone out of school, aged 16-24). If credit recovery is not a good option, then Adult Education is your solution! Our classes focus on high school equivalency diploma preparation. You can learn entirely online or attend in person. All classes are free!

If your goal is to advance to a college or training program, or to get a good job opportunity, Adult Education is for you!



What is a High School Equivalency?

A high school equivalency (HSE) diploma is a secondary school credential. Just like a "regular" diploma, a HSE diploma opens the door to better jobs, college, or training programs. In Tennessee, you earn a HSE diploma by passing the HiSET exam. When you pass the HiSET, you receive an official State of Tennessee High School Equivalency Diploma. It is issued by the TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development. This diploma is recognized across the country as a secondary school diploma.



Can I take the HiSET exam for free?

Yes! To receive a voucher that allows you to take the HiSET exam for free, you must be a Tennessee resident and take a qualifying practice test. Contact an Adult Education program near you to learn more.



Can I earn money by passing the HiSET?

Yes! Depending on where you live, local workforce boards in Tennessee will pay you up to \$350 if you pass the HiSET. You just need to co-enroll with the WIOA Youth program through your local American Job Center. Contact an Adult Education program near you to learn more.



How do I sign up for Adult Education?

You must be:

- Over the age of 18
- Not enrolled in high school

You can be 16-17 and enroll in Adult Education, but you must first be withdrawn from school -- including homeschool; parent/guardian approval is required.

And, you must meet at least one of the following:

- No high school diploma
- Need help with math, reading, or writing
- Struggle to read, write, or speak English



Contact your local program to enroll now!

Call 901-475-3479



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Division of Adult Education



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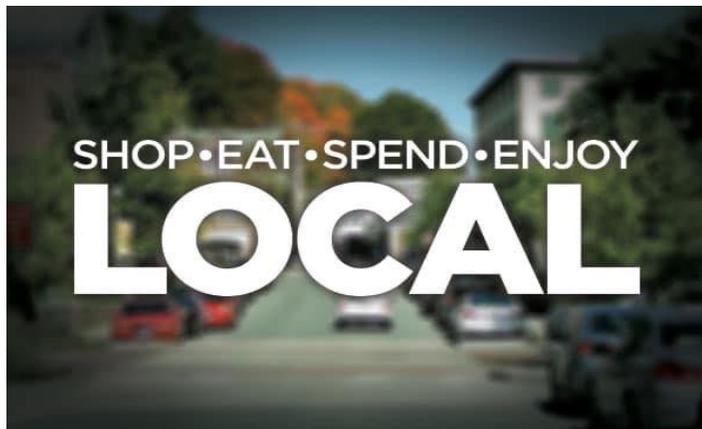
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