



Mayor Justin Hanson

Newsletter - March 20, 2020



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1st Tuesdays - Public Works Committee
Jeff Morris - Chairman, Minnie Bommer, Danny Wallace

2nd Tuesdays - General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
Minnie Bommer - Chairwoman, Keith Phelps, C.H. Sullivan

3rd Tuesdays - Finance and Administration Committee
C.H. Sullivan - Chairman, All Aldermen/Alderwomen attend

4th Tuesdays - Public Safety Committee
Keith Phelps - Chairman, C.H. Sullivan, Johnetta Yarbrough

All regularly scheduled committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall at 200 W. Washington St. 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.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 3/17/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman Danny Wallace, Tiny Rose, Tina Dunn, David Gray, David Gwinn, Attorney Rachel Witherington, Kristin Mathis, Lessie Fisher, Jeremy Channell, Joseph Mack, Larry Lindsey, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day, Frank Carney and Elizabeth Fryer (Evans Petri Attorneys)

Due to Chairman CH Sullivan's absence, Mayor Hanson was appointed to serve as Chairperson. Alderman Sullivan was connected via phone but not allowed to vote.

Pension Discussion – Frank Carney

- Per Mr. Carney, the decision to move to TCRS (Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System) Hybrid plan was a good move
- Mr. Carney summarized the comparison between the Legacy Defined Benefit Plan and the Determined Contribution (DB) plan
- Discussed third party administrator
- Motion made to draft sample resolution to move administrative services from Regions, 2nd, so moved

Training Requirements for Employees of Beer Permit Holders

- Lengthy discussion on different consequences on first offense of selling to a minor
- Motion made to set the review period between offenses at 24 months, 1st offense will be a \$2500 fine, 2nd offense will be a 60-day license suspension, and 3rd offense will be 12 month revocation of license. 2nd, so moved

Letter from MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service)

- Attorney Witherington discussed letter from MTAS outlining guidelines for the Mayor's ability to declare a State of Emergency if needed

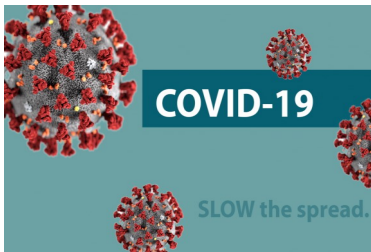
Addition to the Agenda – Chief Lindsey request for canine

- Chief Lindsey would like to get permission to purchase a canine
- Cost is \$8750 – ½ of the cost will come from narcotics and ½ will come from his regular budget
- Motion made to allow Chief Lindsey to proceed with purchase, 2nd, so moved

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Keep
Covington
Clutter Free

"Keep Covington Clutter Free", previously known as Clean Up/Fix Up, scheduled for April 4th, has been postponed. Please stay tuned for new dates in the Fall!



In order to further protect our employees and our community, effective immediately, all City buildings will be closed to the public until March 30th. Also keep in mind the following:

- All payments (utility bills, citations, fire fees, etc.) will be accepted through our two drive-through lanes, not in the lobby at City Hall.
- Many payments can be made via our website at www.covingtontn.com or by calling 844-876-2911.
- Business that requires face-to-face visits will be done by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call 901-476-9613.
- Job applications and many other forms can be obtained from our website at www.covingtontn.com

We want you to know that we are still here to serve you! Avoid crowded spaces, wash your hands, and if you are not feeling well, please stay home. We expect the number of confirmed cases to rise, but by putting these things in place, hopefully we can slow the spread.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Baptist Hospital - Tipton
Tipton County Health Department
Tennessee Department of Health

901-476-2621

901-476-0235

<https://www.tn.gov/health.html>

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DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COVID-19 Update

Spring Break extended to students through March 22.

All lecture courses to move online beginning
March 23 through April 3.

dsc.edu/coronavirus



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue - Covington, TN 38019 - 901-476-2578



[Visit us on our Facebook page](#)

In an effort to protect our Firefighters and Medical Personnel we ask that if you call 9-1-1 for any reason, please let the 9-1-1 call taker know if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms.

In an effort to keep our employees safe, please do not drop fire fees off at the Covington Fire Department. Please use the following options:

By Mail: 101 Tennessee Ave., Covington, TN 38019

Online: Covingtontn.com

Or visit the drive-thru at City Hall, 200 W. Washington Ave.



Click below to learn more!

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www.VolunteerFireTN.org

1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



Work has finally begun on Highway 51! TDOT (Tennessee Department of Transportation) is working at our intersections and getting our curbing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Per the schedule given to us by TDOT, paving should begin the first week of April!



Progress continued this week in our efforts to demolish blighted and abandoned properties in Covington. Properties at Long Ave, Highway 51 and Tatlock, and the old Thomas Funeral Home on North Main were removed. We are continuing to make progress in stabilizing our neighborhoods and improving public safety!



Covington Public Works has had crews out this week cleaning up trash on our streets. We ask that our citizens be vigilant in keeping their properties and streets free of garbage and clutter. Not only does it look terrible, it clogs up drainage ditches and water flow. Thank you for Keeping Covington Clutter Free!



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Dyersburg State Community College

Dyersburg State Changes Operational Plans for March 13 – April 3 Amidst COVID-19 Concerns

Dyersburg, Tennessee - In an effort to address the COVID-19 pandemic and growing concern for the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will extend spring break for students through March 22. All in-person lecture courses are scheduled to transition to an online format beginning March 23 through April 3.

While no known cases of COVID-19 have been reported at any of the DSCC locations, the College will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates through a dedicated webpage at <https://www.dsc.edu/coronavirus>. The College will also utilize the [RAVE Emergency Alert Notification System](#) as needed for urgent updates to students, faculty and staff who are urged to log in to RAVE to add their contact information if they have not done so.

Students should check their MyDSCC email for updates from their instructor regarding labs, clinicals, and technical programs. Alternate schedules will apply during this time. Computer labs will be open for students who do not have technology at home.

DSCC Online classes and TN eCampus classes will continue on normal schedules as planned.

Registration for May session and summer and fall semesters will be delayed one week and begin on March 23.

For detailed information and regular updates, please check the DSCC website at <https://www.dsc.edu/coronavirus>.

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Dyersburg State Community College

Dyersburg State Community College is an open access, learning-centered institution that serves seven counties in West Tennessee. Founded in 1969, DSCC's vision is to elevate the region's educational attainment thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee. The home campus of DSCC is in Dyersburg, and centers are located in Covington and Trenton. DSCC offers Tennessee Transfer Pathways programs, career technical certificates and degrees; learning support courses, continuing education and public service programs. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Learning is enhanced by a variety of student organizations, international learning opportunities, state of the art technology and intercollegiate athletic programs.

The Tennessee Board of Regents

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) is Tennessee's largest higher education system, governing 40 post-secondary educational institutions with over 200 teaching locations. The TBR system includes 13 community colleges and 27 colleges of applied technology, providing programs to students across the state, country and world.