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## **THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE ON MAY 12, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M.**

1. Meeting to be called to order by Mayor Jan Hensley.
2. Invocation to be given by Alderman Danny Wallace.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to be led by Alderman C H Sullivan.
4. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting to be approved.
  - Minutes from The Board of Mayor and Alderman
5. Report from Committees:
  - Beer Board Minutes
  - General Welfare Public Safety Committee Minutes
  - Public Works Committee Minutes
6. Additions to the Agenda.
7. Welcome to visitors and grievances from citizens.
8. Report from Mayor Jan Hensley:
9. Report from Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.
10. Report from City Attorney Rachel Simmons.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
  - Proclamation: National Public Works Week May 17-23, 2026

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- Dunham Lodge # 150 Presentation (Scott Robinson)
- Ordinance #1798- Renaming Delfield Drive to Hackney Drive  
Tornado Watch Outdoor Activity Policy
- Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00 ready for Board Approval

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at City of Covington on April 14, 2026, at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Jan Hensley, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Jean Johnson, and Alderwoman Margaret Fleming. Also present were Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Police Chief Donna Turner, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Fire Chief Richard Griggs Record Clerk David Gwinn, Assistant to Mayor Jason Fleming, City Attorney Rachel Simmons, and Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Hensley.

Invocation was given by Alderman John Edwards.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alderwoman Jean Johnson.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Jean Johnson and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve the minutes of the Preceding Meeting to be approved.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Jean Johnson and seconded by Alderman C H Sullivan to approve the minutes of the General Welfare Public Relations Committee Meeting.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to approve the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

Motion passed.

Mayor Jan Hensley announced the Stop Drop Fentanyl Event has been rescheduled to May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-6. Mayor Hensley reminded citizens that this is severe weather season and will work with the Tipton County School System concerning the current policy to only open the Safe Room after a warning is issued.

Boys and Girls Club Director Ed Doyle issued updates to repairs and updates are in the process. Director Doyle announced the April Youth of the Month, T. Cullins. Director Doyle asked for permission on behalf of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church to use the Club to host their Annual Baby Shower.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderman C H Sullivan to allow Canaan Missionary Baptist Church to use the Club to host their Annual Baby Shower.

Motion passed.

Treasurer-Recorder Lisa Elam reported sales tax received for the February collections were \$386,328, which is an increase of \$45,450 or 6.5%. Year-to-date collections for fiscal year 2026 are 3,288,205 which is a decrease of \$19,380 or -0.6%.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to approve the Tax Report of the Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Motion passed.

City Attorney Rachel Simmons asked permission to move forward with the Invitation for Sealed Bids on the delinquent property purchased at the tax sale.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Danny Wallace to allow City Attorney Simmons to move forward with the Invitation for Sealed Bids on the delinquent property purchased at the tax sale.

Motion passed.

City Attorney Rachel Simmons asked permission to negotiate a contract between The City of Covington and Covington Economic Development Council to keep the Mainstreet Program with the city funding the Director's Position for 1 year to allow the program to exist on its own. Attorney Simmons will report back to the Board for contract approval.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to allow Attorney Simmons to move forward to negotiate a contract between The City of Covington and Covington Economic Development Council to keep the Mainstreet Program with the city funding the Director's Position for 1 year to allow the program to exist on its own.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Danny Wallace to approve the City Attorney Simmons report.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Danny Wallace and seconded by Alderman C H Sullivan to pay Bills Over/Under \$1,000.00.

Motion passed.

With there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Attest:

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Recorder -Treasurer

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Mayor

The Beer Board of the City of Covington, Tennessee met at City Hall on April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Jan Hensley, Alderman Jeff Morris, Aldermen: CH Sullivan, Danny Wallace, Jean Johnson, John Edwards, and Margaret Fleming. Also present were Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Park and Recreation Director Molly Glass, Building Official Lessie Fisher, City Attorney Rachel Simmons, Assistant to Mayor Jason Fleming, and Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Hensley.

Beer Board was called to order for the Consideration of an OFF PREMISES BEER PERMIT for NAVEEN WILSTEN FELIX-SUNDARAM dba C-TOWN MARKET located at 526 HIGHWAY 51 NORTH.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve the Consideration of an OFF PREMISES BEER PERMIT for NAVEEN WILSTEN FELIX-SUNDARAM dba C-TOWN MARKET located at 526 HIGHWAY 51 NORTH.

Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

The General Welfare – Public Safety Committee met at City of Covington on April 28,2026, at 4:00 p.m. with the following committee members present: Mayor Jan Hensley, Chairman Jeff Morris, Alderman John Edwards, and Alderman C H Sullivan. Also present were Alderwoman Margaret Fleming, Alderman Danny Wallace, and Alderwoman Jean Johnson, Police Chief Donna Turner, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Assistant to Mayor Jason Fleming, Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Director of Code Compliance Lessie Fisher, and Recorder-Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris.

Fire Chief Richard Griggs reported county coverage collections for 2026 are \$71,925.00. Fire Chief Griggs also reported 0 hours worked by Volunteers in March. Chief Griggs gave an update on community events. Assistant Chief Channel reported all sirens are operational. Chief Griggs announced he was performing the Fire Inspections until the position was filled. Chief Griggs will have a report to share at the next meeting. Chief Griggs is hopeful the new fire truck will be delivered at the end of May.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Jan Hensley to approve Fire Chief's report.

Motion passed.

Police Chief Donna Turner reported 1 vacancy for the Police Department. Chief Turner reported DOJ Violent Crime Grant has been submitted for approval. Chief Turner issued an update of the department's personnel, training and monthly activities. Chief Turner issued an update on the roof damage at the CID Building.

Motion was made by Alderman CH Sullivan and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve Chief Turner's report.

Motion passed.

Chief Turner asked the Board for permission to approve the MOU to assign one officer to the West Tennessee Drug Taskforce, upon approval from City Attorney Simmons of the MOU/Contract.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Alderman CH Sullivan to approve Police Chief Turner's request to assign one officer to the West Tennessee Drug Taskforce, upon approval from City Attorney Simmons of the MOU/Contract.

Motion passed.

Chief Turner requested the proceeds from the sale of the firearms in the amount of \$7,175.00 to be added to her current budget, line 261, to help with the cost of an additional vehicle.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve the request to use the proceeds from the firearms sale in line 261 in the amount of \$7,175.00 to help with the cost of a police vehicle.

Motion passed.

With there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

The Public Works Committee met at City of Covington on May 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman John Edwards (absent), and Mayor Jan Hensley. Also, present were Alderwoman Margaret Fleming, Public Works Director Tim Haynes, Building Official Lessie Fisher, Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Human Resource Director Cody Bumpus, Chief of Staff Jason Fleming, and Recorder Treasurer Lisa Elam.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Wallace.

Public Works Director Tim Haynes reported that the Highway 59 Sewer Line Extension construction is in progress. Director Haynes reported the Sewer Main Line Camera Inspection is completed and awaiting findings from A2H. Updates were given on upgrades to the Clarifiers, Screw Pumps and Grit Chamber. Director Haynes also reported Pressurized Filters #1-5 at the Water Plant have been sand-blasted and coated, filter #6 repairs are in progress. Director Haynes announced Lead Service Inventory 3,000 unknowns is approved and pending contract. Director Haynes reported that the roof at the Wastewater Plant and Wastewater Plant Filter Tank Building needs minor repairs. Director Haynes announced the Customer Awareness Survey phone calls will start May 11<sup>th</sup>. Director Haynes updated committee on the Highway 51 Sidewalk Project, Transportation Planning Grant, Traffic Signal Modernization Grant and Paving on Holly Grove Road.

Motion was made by Mayor Jan Hensley and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to approve the Paving Proposal from Climer Paving to pave Holly Grove Road.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mayor Hensley and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to approve the roof quotes from R & R Industries to complete roof repairs at the Wastewater Plant and Wastewater Filer Tank Building.

Motion passed.

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

Motion Passed.

Codes Enforcement Director Lessie Fisher reported that the department has 1 open position. Director Fisher also reported that Blight addresses have been submitted to

Community Development. Director Fisher issued an update on Planning Commission meeting. Director Fisher noted that property maintenance concerns are being addressed.

Motion was made by Mayor Jan Hensley and seconded by Alderman Jeff Morris to accept Director Lessie Fisher's report.

Motion passed.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

