

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. The Invocation was given by Rev. Doug Williams followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council showed all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman C. J. Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Work Session of December 4, 2018; Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018; Called Meeting of December 18, 2018.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented the monthly financial report. Items in his report included explanation of revenue and collection and increase in soft billing. Expenditures noted were public safety/joint services; CSA costs and landfill revenue and closure.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the monthly financial report.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

At this time, Council held the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor. Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to elect Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. as Mayor for the next two years. Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to elect David S. Crosier as Vice Mayor for the next two years.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to table the request by the Covington City School Board for an appropriation of \$45,911 until the February meeting.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to table the Wastewater Consent Order and authorization of the City Manager to execute the agreement until the February meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-08 in the amount of \$521,000 regarding engineering for the Wastewater Consent Order. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Discussion was held regarding the E-911 Software Proposal for software in the amount of \$50,000 and annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$20,000. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the E-911 Software with CAPERS and the annual maintenance contract in the amount of \$20,000.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the Towing Contract and to authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with towing companies. Motion carried 5 to 0.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Upcoming meetings include: January 29, 2019 planning session regarding future infrastructure needs; To be determined Council budget sessions; joint budget session with Allegheny County Board of Supervisors ; February 5, 2019 update on EMS operations.
2. Roger Dawson has retired from the Covington Police Dept. with 27 years of service and has transitioned to SRO at Covington High School; Randy Gilbert has retired from the Police Dept. 911 Center after 36 years of service.
3. Recognized Crystal Hannah of the Police Dept. E-911 for outstanding service in handling a 911 call.
4. Recognized Wilkie Lockett of the Public Works Dept. for assisting a resident who had fallen.
5. Construction and completion of the City's wastewater lift stations is expected in February.
6. Expressed appreciation to Marla Akridge and Gail Johnson with the Allegheny Highlands EDC for their countless hours of work submitting a grant to the Appalachian Regional Commission for Drone Zone Phase 2.
7. Addressed rumors that Chief Morgan is leaving. At this time, Chief Morgan has not accepted a job with another agency.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the following Appropriation Resolutions in one motion: Appropriation Resolution R-19-01 regarding a donation in the amount of \$1,500; Appropriation Resolution R-19-02 regarding Bullet Proof Vests in the amount of \$720; Appropriation Resolution R-19-03 regarding DMV Grant in the amount of \$7,950 and Appropriation Resolution R-19-04 regarding donation for "Shop with a Cop" in the amount of \$600. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-05 regarding a Litter Control Grant in the amount of \$94.94. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-06 regarding VDOT Paving Grant for Spruce to Patrick in the amount of \$150,000. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-07 regarding VDOT Paving Grant for Riverside to Allegheny in the amount of \$180,500. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

City Manager Douglas explained the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$70,000. The grant includes \$40,000 with a City Match of \$30,000. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-09 regarding CDBG Grant in the amount of \$70,000. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Following discussion and information, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-10 regarding request for designation of the Jackson River Sports Complex as a public recreational area and funding request for exiting roadway improvements. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tucker: Expressed concerns regarding the white lines fading on the pavement on Town Hill. Allen Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works, responded that line painting needs to be addressed twice a year.

Vice Mayor Crosier: Welcomed Mr. Entsminger as a new member of Council.

Mayor Sibold: Encouraged everyone to participate in the TAP 'needs assessment' survey that will aid in assisting the community with matters such as housing and early childhood intervention among other needs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Josh Haynes encouraged Council to check out the information on the Virginian Commonwealth University website for information regarding Planning Commissions.

Chad Tracy expressed concerns regarding the rough road on Jackson Street due to the bluff project. Mayor Sibold responded that this would be paved following the completion of the project. Mr. Tracy also expressed concerns regarding proposed gun legislation.

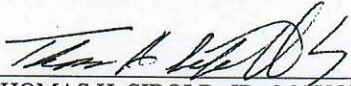
CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to move into closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3) regarding real property/real estate.

Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the item stated was discussed.

No action taken at this time.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.



THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND, AS SUCH,
EX-OFFICIO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,
VIRGINIA

ATTEST:



EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK