

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2018

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 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. with the following members present: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Councilwoman Mary Ann Beirne was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was: (1) Presentation of the Annual Audit by Mr. Gordon Jones and (2) To consider acceptance of the Annual Audit Report.

The meeting began with a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to add Mr. Jacob Wright to the agenda regarding combining the Covington City School System and Alleghany County School System. Motion carried by aye vote of Council. Mr. Wright spoke regarding the reasons for a combined system and the process to combine the Covington and Alleghany County School Systems. He noted the decline in the number of students as a concern. Mr. Wright had spoken with Delegate Terry Austin and made a trip to the Virginia Department of Education to gain information and funding assistance. A deadline of January 8, 2019 would be the timeline for a budget ordinance from the state regarding the composite index for the localities. Following discussion, Council, by consensus, agreed to meet with Alleghany County representatives regarding this issue. Mayor Sibold and Mr. Tucker were designated as the Council representatives for Covington.

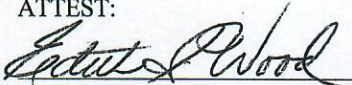
Mr. Gordon Jones, CPA, with the accounting firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates, presented the Annual Audit Report. He reviewed areas of revenue and expenditures, debt liabilities and fund balance. The report also included the liabilities regarding the school system. Following the presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to accept the Annual Audit Report as presented. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Councilman Hunter, For; and Councilman Tucker, For. Councilwoman Beirne was absent.

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