

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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. Dan Gillette 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.

Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

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: Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019; Called Meeting of January 29, 2019 and Called Meeting of January 31, 2019. No work session was held in January.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented his report which included explanation of expenditures and revenues regarding the water fund and wastewater/solid waste funds. Following the report, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the monthly financial report.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to add to the agenda, an additional item to the closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) regarding Council appointed personnel. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Paul Linkenhoker, representing the Alleghany Historical Society, presented information regarding the Industrial Revitalization Fund. The Society is requesting the City's support in applying for a grant of \$400,000 on behalf of the Alleghany Historical Society. There are no funds requested/required from the City of Covington for this grant. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to authorize the preparation of a resolution and adoption of said Resolution R-19-15. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Eddie Clemons, Chairman of the Covington City School Board, spoke to Council and expressed appreciation of Council's support of the School Board. He noted that the School Board is working diligently on the budget and is entrusted to spend funds allocated. Mr. Clemons requested that an agreement between Council and the School Board be put in place regarding allocation of funds for the schools. He also requested approval of \$45,911 carryover funds for the schools as previously discussed. Mr. Clemons noted that the school system is growing and that we have a great system. He would like to have Council and the School Board work together and establish better communications. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve \$45,911 as requested by the School Board. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Greg Burton, Captain of Covington EMS, spoke regarding a funding request for training for the volunteers in the amount of \$3,500. He presented information regarding the availability of training and that currently there are 22 volunteers assisting with calls. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to prepare an appropriation resolution for the volunteers' training in the amount of \$3,500.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Interim City Manager Clay Goodman, presented information regarding the process for recruitment of a city manager. He noted two methods to accomplish this. The first method discussed was that Council would develop a recruitment process with city staff. He noted that this is a very time consuming process, but with minimal cost to the city. The second method discussed would be to hire a consulting firm which would handle advertising with guidelines determined by Council, conduct preliminary interviews, background checks, etc. This process does come with a cost. With either method, the time frame is four to six months. Following discussion, by consensus, Council decided to hold a called meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 immediately following the joint meeting with the Planning Commission, to discuss this matter further.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-19-01 regarding the name change for the IDA. 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-19-11 regarding the E-911 CAD/RMS Software in the amount of \$50,000. 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 the Participation Agreement and Appropriation Resolution R-19-12 regarding Next Generation 911 Software Part 2-AT&T ESInet Solution in the amount of \$27,249.33. 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 Resolution R-19-13 regarding adoption of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). 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-19-14 regarding an Alleghany Foundation Grant for the Jackson River Sports Complex/Paper Trail in the amount of \$45,000. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; MR. Tucker, FOR.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tucker: Updated Council regarding participation in the Roanoke Valley/Alleghany Regional Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eddie Clemons: Expressed interest in building good relationship with Council. He would like to see joint meetings and better communication of information.

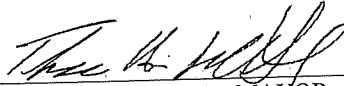
Ron Leichtner: (1) Requested an "out of area" interim Police Chief and (2) Noted the bank at the Jackson River Sports Complex needs cleaned up.

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) and (A)(1) for the purpose of: (1) Discussion dealing with real property/real estate and (2) Discussion regarding specific appointee of Council.

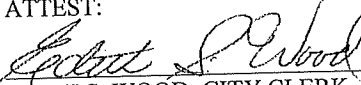
Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the matters stated were discussed. No action taken at this time.

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