

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 16, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in 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 C. J. Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.
Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Mr. Goodman presented the draft budget for 2019/2020 to Council. He stated that there are issues that need addressed but not enough resources without a tax increase.

Discussion and information was held for each City Department which included: (1) Sewer fund and utilities; (2) Need for a specific "snow event" budget;; (3) Roof replacement for the old armory building which is leaking and causing damage to the walls and newly renovated floor; (4) Roof at the Health Department is also in need of replacement. Alleghany County will assist with these costs; (5) School Bus Lot needs addressed; (6) Netting is needed for the ball fields at the Jackson River Sports Complex; (7) Casey Field needs to be addressed for player safety.

The Jeter Watson Center needs addressed. Piping needs replaced (asbestos issues to deal with); Roof needs replaced at a cost of approximately \$300,000 and wood in the windows is deteriorating. This is a large building being used by several groups and has many needs.

The Drone Grant was noted to allow for renovations at the old Edgemont School.

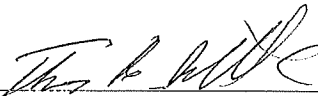
VDOT is working with the City for replacement of the Rayon Bridge Project which is due to begin in 2023. The cost to the City at this time is approximately \$444,000 which will need to set aside as designated funds for this project only.


A sludge collection system is needed and discussion was held regarding chlorine safety issues.

DEQ is requiring the City to use the camera on 20,000 linear feet of pipe per year.

The Budget for the Covington City Schools was presented at the called meeting on April 9th.

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


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK

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