

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019

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A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 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 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.
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

The purpose of the meeting was to consider participation in the Proposed Opioid Epidemic Cost Recovery Action.

Attorney Mark Popovich presented information regarding this legal action and noted that approximately 40 localities in Virginia have voted to participate in this action.

Discussion included potential cost recovery and any costs to the City. Data for the City of Covington must be collected to show how the opioid epidemic has financially impacted the City.


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In response to questions regarding Council's concerns with any legal costs to the City, Mr. Popovich contacted one of the attorneys currently working on the action. He assured Council that if there was no recovery cost awarded to the City of Covington, the City would owe no fees for representation. If the City was awarded recovery costs, the attorneys handling the suit would take 25% of the award for the City plus costs of filing the action from the funds awarded.

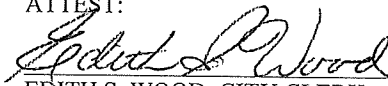
Police Officer Roldan presented information regarding the opioid situation in the City.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to participate in the Proposed Opioid Epidemic Cost Recovery Action. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Councilman Entsminger, FOR; Councilman Hunter, FOR; Councilman Tucker, FOR.

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