

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:00 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 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

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

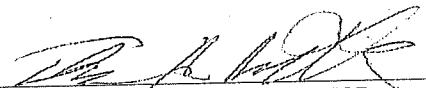
Interim City Manager Goodman stated that this work session would deal with General Fund Expenditure Requests by Departments. Meetings had been held with all department heads to discuss their needs and requests.

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented information which reflected the original budget by department for 2018/2019, requests for 2019/2020 and the difference.

The following areas of the City budget were presented for discussion: Administration; Judicial; Public Safety; Public Works; Health and Welfare which included RADAR and CSA services; Parks and Recreation and Community Development. Mr. Bryant noted that this is a very tight budget. Mr. Goodman noted the \$444,000 that will be needed to replace the Rayon Bridge. He stated that the funds for this should be in a designated fund that could not be used for anything else except an emergency.

At 6:00 p.m., the budget request for the Covington City Schools was presented by the Financial Officer, Rebecca Irvine. Melinda Snead-Johnson, Superintendent, and Eddie Clemons, Chairman of the Covington School Board, were also present. The proposed FY 2019/2020 School Budget was in the amount of \$12,311,072 which is a 6.29% increase over FY 2018/2019. It was noted that the budget reflects the steadily growing student population. As of April 1, 2019, the Covington City School System has a total of 1,034 students in grades K-12 and the early childhood and pre-kindergarten programs.

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


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK