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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, April 9, 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. A moment of silence was 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: Susan Waddell

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: Work Session of March 5, 2019; Called Meeting of March 5, 2019; Called Meeting of March 11, 2019; Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019; Called Meeting of March 14, 2019 and Called Meeting of March 26, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented his monthly report which included un-appropriated surplus balance; noted that the General Fund balance must be maintained at 18%; and gave an explanation of expenditures and revenues. Following the presentation of the report, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the monthly report as presented.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Discussion was held regarding the request to consider the closing of Maple Ave. and Oak Street. Eric Tyree, Director of Development Services, had also noted the concerns of Mr. Hunter regarding safety and traffic flow in the area. Mr. Tyree explained that the City needs to look at possible safety improvements in this area. He does not recommend vacating the streets or the use of one-way street. He suggested a possible solution would be to provide a stop bar and stop sign. Amber Kern of D.D. Kerns, spoke to Council regarding the situation the business is facing with safety concerns for employees and residents. She noted that speeding in this area is a real safety concern for her employees. She offered to purchase a portion of the area if that would be a possible solution. Following discussion, Mr. Tyree recommended working with the business and the Public Works Department to find a solution.

Discussion was held regarding the request for approval of Contract Amendment 2 to the Harris System Purchase Agreement. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to authorize the Contract Amendment 2 to the Harris System Purchase Agreement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to confirm the City Manager's execution of Antenna Site Agreement.

Council tabled the appointment to the Redevelopment and Housing Board.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Data is being collected for a report regarding the utility deposit.
2. Noted information and data that must be collected regarding participation in the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit.

3. Reported on the Jackson Street Bluff Project noting the sidewalk issue, pavement and drainage. A meeting has been held with CHA and VDOT. These issues may not be allowed for addition to the current project. Mr. Goodman stated that this is a costly increase for the City.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on second reading, Ordinance O-19-02 regarding the rezoning of 135 N. Alleghany Ave. from R-3 to C-1. 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 Supplemental Appropriation R-19-30 regarding Signalization Loop Replacement in the amount of \$25,000. 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 Supplemental Appropriation R-19-31 regarding Tower Rental/Antenna Site in the amount of \$8,886. 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-19-32 regarding Public Contribution to DARE Program in the amount of \$500. 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 approved Resolution R-19-33 Establishing/Designating the PPTRA Tax Reimbursement Percentage of 49.5% to be applied to Personal Property tax bills. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Vice Mayor Crosier, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Resolution R-19-34 recognizing the Roanoke Valley/Alleghany Regional Commission's 50 years of service to the area. Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

NEW BUSINESS


Mr. Hunter: (1) The sidewalk at the Chestnut Street Underpass at Covington High School needs cleaned; (2) Requested a Proclamation for the two CHS coaches that have recently passed.

Vice Mayor Crosier: Reported to Council that he has been approached by residents regarding the water deposit and it is not the amount that is their problem as much as the principle of the issue.

Mayor Sibold: TAP has requested a letter of support regarding the Land Bank.

Eric Tyree, Director of Development Services, noted the upcoming joint meeting with Council and the Planning Commission regarding the process to allow camping in the Jackson River Sports Complex. The meeting is Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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