

MINUTES  
CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2019

at A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 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 Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.  
Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman  
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

The purpose of the meeting was: (1) To consider 2 appointments to the Covington City School Board; (2) To consider first reading of Ordinance O-19-07 Levying Real Estate Tax Rate for 2019/2020; (3) To consider first reading of Ordinance O-19-08 Levying Personal Property/Machinery and Tools Tax Rate for 2019/2020; (4) To consider first reading of Ordinance O-19-06 regarding Adoption of FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Following a roll call vote of Council, Mr. Bert Baker and Mr. Jonathan Arritt were appointed to the Covington School Board for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. Other candidates included Mr. Temple Kessinger, Jr. and Mr. Eddie Clemons.

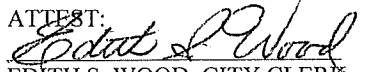
Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-19-07 Levying Real Estate Tax Rate for FY 2019/2020. (No change to rate.) Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

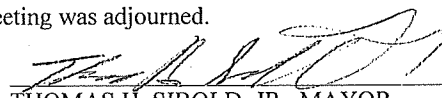
Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-19-08 regarding Levying Personal Property/Machinery and Tools Tax Rate for FY 2019/2020 (No change to rate.) Mayor Sibold, FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

At this time, Mr. Goodman presented a memo he had received from Melinda Snead-Johnson, Superintendent of Covington City Schools, regarding a request for an additional \$50,000 to add a special education teacher to the system. Vice Mayor Crosier inquired regarding the impact to the budget. Mr. Goodman responded that if this amount was added to the budget at this point, the budget would have to be re-advertised. He also noted that the anticipated \$65,000 increase in revenue due to the recent general reassessment was in unallocated funds and at this time, \$11,000 was designated to adding the "No Fault" program to the City's insurance policy. There would possibly be \$50,000 to allocate to the Superintendent's request. The budget ordinance would need to be amended to reflect this change. Mayor Sibold noted the increase in cost to the City of CSA. As this is a mandated service, the City must provide the funds. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-19-06 regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget amended to reflect that \$50,000 would be allocated to the School Budget with this amount being taken from the contingencies fund. Motion carried 4 to 1. Mayor Sibold, AGAINST; Vice Mayor Crosier, FOR; Mr. Entsminger, FOR; Mr. Hunter, FOR; Mr. Tucker, FOR.

At this time, Mr. Goodman presented information regarding the Sheriff's Office /Law Enforcement. He and Jon Landford, Administrator of Alleghany County, recommended entering into negotiations for developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff, City of Covington and Alleghany County to address: (1) Funding for Sheriff Law Enforcement; (2) Regional Jail Funding; and (3) Reconciliation of billings for joint services. By consensus, Council agreed to this negotiation.

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

ATTEST:  
  
EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK

  
THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR