

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, September 10, 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. The Invocation was given by Rev. Doug Williams followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council showed all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor Crosier, Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Work Session of August 6, 2019 and Regular Meeting of August 13, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented an overview of revenue which included soft-billing, real estate tax, meals tax, business licenses and other revenue sources. He also gave an update regarding a possible saving on a City bond issuance. He is currently working with the auditors on this matter. Following the report, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the monthly financial report and the August checks. Motion carried 5 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held regarding Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate Increase. This increase is due to the recent General Reassessment of Real Estate. Cathy Kimberlin, Commissioner of the Revenue, presented information regarding the process for handling this increase realized by the General Reassessment. The Public Hearing was opened. There were no comments from the citizens present.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Police Chief Chris Smith recognized Corporal Scott Balsler on his graduation from the Virginia Forensics Science Academy. This was a nine week course and Chief Smith expressed appreciation to Corporal Balsler and his family for the dedication of time and effort to achieve this level of Police work.

Chief Smith also recognized Sergeant Heather Lane, Officer Justin Fitzgerald and Officer Harry Brown for their quick response in a lifesaving situation. They were commended for their dedication and effort in achieving a positive outcome in this situation.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the Community Services Board Annual Performance contract. Motion carried 5 to 0.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. A press release has been issued regarding the incident at the Rivermont School. Ms. Onaitis noted the ongoing efforts for school safety.
2. CSX has given permission for the City to work on CSX property. CSX will provide a flagman and officer for the City to clear the storm drain and repair the drain at Walnut and Oak Street.

- 3. The Chrome Books are in and training will be provided as Council wishes.
- 4. Requested a closed session be held on personnel performance at the October work session.

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-19-09 regarding designation of "No Trucks": (1) Hickory Street and (2) E. Larch Street. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

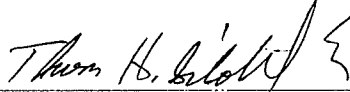
Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-51 regarding a Police Department Grant in the amount of \$2,329. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For, Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; and Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-52 regarding Carryover Funds. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; and Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new items at this time.

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