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CALLED MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2018

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A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

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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, Councilwoman Mary Ann Beirne, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.  
City Manager: Richard Douglas

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Covington City School Board Chairman Cindy Bennett called the School Board to order with the following members present: Chairman Bennett, Board Members Bert Baker, Eddie Clemons and Tamala Preston. Nicole Rickette was absent.  
School Superintendent: Melinda Snead-Johnson

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The purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint meeting with the Covington School Board and the auditing firm, Robinson, Farmer and Cox Associates.

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Discussion was held due to confusion and concerns regarding funding in the amount of \$326,706 that is supposedly due from the School Board to the City. Corbin Stone of Robinson, Farmer and Cox Associates, presented information regarding this situation. In response to questions posed by School Board Member Clemons, Mr. Stone stated that the school budget should always have a rolling number amount that is due back to the city. Otherwise, the liabilities have grown.

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School Board Bennett inquired how long this firm has been the auditors for the City and why this matter has never come up until now. Chairman Bennett noted that there are funds coming in that will take care of this liability.

Director of Finance, David Bryant, explained the research done on a 10-year trend on budgeting. He noted that five of the last six years, the school system has spent more than incoming revenue.

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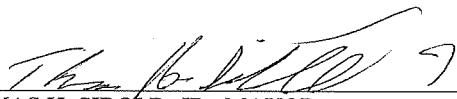
Superintendent Snead-Johnson stated that they are working on changes to the budget process and have always tried to be financially responsible. Mr. Baker stated that there is no blame here and that the School Board and the City Council need to work together to move forward.

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Following discussion, Mayor Sibold requested a joint committee be established to work through possible options and find a solution to this problem.

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

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THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND, AS SUCH,  
EX-OFFICIO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,  
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ATTEST:

  
EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK