

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 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. The Invocation was given by Rev. Gilliland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Roll Call of Council showed 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.

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City Manager: Richard Douglas
City Attorney: Susan Waddell

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At this time, City Clerk Gail Wood administered the Oath of Office to the incoming Chief of Police Anthony Morgan. A reception in his honor was held prior to the meeting.

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CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Work Session of January 2, 2018; Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018; Called Meeting of January 16, 2018 and Called Meeting of January 30, 2018.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented an update regarding the soft billing for the Rescue Squad and the water and wastewater funds. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

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REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Discussion was held regarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to designate an Urban Development Area. City Manager Douglas explained that this designation would allow requests for VDOT Smart Scale funding. By amending the current Comprehensive Plan for the City of Covington, it would also allow for more flexibility in economic development projects. David Bryan, Director of Finance, noted that this action would increase the City's chances for funding. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Resolution R-18-07 amending the Comprehensive Plan to designate an Urban Development Area. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Discussion was held regarding a grant application request by the Alleghany Historical Society for Industrial Revitalization Funds (DHCD) for the Alleghany Highlands Industrial Heritage & Technology Discovery Center. Dr. Paul Linkenhoker presented an overview of the project and the requirements for funding which includes the building must be returned to the original state. The local government is needed to apply for the funding on behalf of the non-profit Historical Society and there would be no funding expense/obligation for the City to apply on behalf of the Historical Society. Dr. Linkenhoker noted that this project would become part of the "Heritage Trail of Museums" which currently includes the CSX Museum in Clifton Forge and the Depot in Covington. The Society is also working with a local contractor on this project. City Manager Douglas stated that City Attorney Theresa Fontana has reviewed the document and is satisfied with the City application. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve Resolution R-18-06 regarding the grant application for the Alleghany Historical Society. Motion carried 4 to 1 Abstention. Ms. Beirne abstained as she is a member of the Alleghany Historical Society.

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REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

February 13,
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Presented by

Mr. David
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1. Upcoming meetings: March 22, 2018 joint services budget planning session with Allegheny County Board of Supervisors; March 26, 2018 Intergovernmental Social at Cat & Owl Restaurant.
2. Schedule has been provided for developing the upcoming 2018/2019 operating budget
3. Meeting has been held with Virginia Dept. of Housing and Community Development regarding the Jackson Street CDBG Planning Grant.
4. Staff and CHA working with DEQ regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant and construction of an equalization basin.
5. Landfill cell construction complete and waiting for Certificate to Operate.
6. Meeting of intergovernmental committee and Jackson River Enterprises to be held March 8, 2018 regarding recycling program operation and associated issues.
7. City and County Staff meeting weekly regarding joint radio system project.
8. Expressed appreciation to Chief Jeanne Miller for finalizing the EMS billing, working with vendor on required 911 dispatching CAD System improvements and revising the School Resource Officer agreement for School Board and Council approval.
9. Staff and CHA working to address significant wastewater issues in buildings along Maple Avenue.
10. Proposals for the ARC-funded drone zone project have been received with three teams to be interviewed February 21.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-18-01 regarding EMS Grant for Lifepack 15 Medical Equipment in the amount of \$100,393.36. (50/50 Grant) Motion carried 5 to 0.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-18-02 regarding EMS Grant for Panasonic Computers in the amount of \$11,736.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-18-03 regarding Debt Service for Landfill and E-911 Equipment Lease Interest Payment in the amount of \$22,664.69. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-18-04 regarding Landfill Bond Interest Payment in the amount of \$15,896.83.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-18-05 regarding Smith-Dew Tower Site road maintenance in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Members had no items at this time.

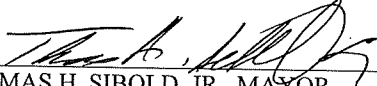
Dr. Paul Linkenhoker made a request on behalf of the Curtis Smith Chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, to recognize Lt. Gary Miller, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Lt. Miller gave his life to protect the men in his command. The VFW requested that Council name the City's bridge on Route 154 in honor of Gary Miller. Attorney Waddell noted that a resolution could be prepared and a sign allowed for this. By consensus, Council agreed to move forward with this request.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to move into closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 A. 4 regarding Economic Development.

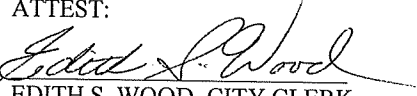
Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the item stated was discussed. No action taken at this time.

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