

MINUTES  
CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2018

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 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. 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

The purpose of the meeting was to consider first reading of Ordinances O-18-02, O-18-03, O-18-04, O-18-05 and O-18-06 regarding the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-18-02 Levying Real Estate Taxes and Public Service Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (Real Estate Tax increase of \$0.04 per \$100). Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold – FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier – FOR; Ms. Beirne – FOR; Mr. Hunter – FOR; Mr. Tucker – FOR

Ordinance O-18-03 included a change in the method of calculation for levying taxes. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Ms. Beirne, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-18-03 Levying Personal Property; Machinery and Tools; Mobile Homes and Public Service Corporation Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Mayor Sibold – FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier – FOR; Ms. Beirne – FOR; Mr. Hunter – FOR; Mr. Tucker – FOR

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance O-18-04 amending City Code Section 38 regarding Peter's Mountain Landfill/Collection/Rates and Billings to allow for Adoption of Refuse Disposal and Collection Fees in Solid Waste Fee Schedule. Mr. Hunter inquired about this change and assistance for city residents to take items to the landfill. He noted that at this time, city residents are paying two fees, a fee for city pickup and a fee if they take items to the landfill. City Manager Douglas responded that this change removes the fees from the City Code and places them on a master fee schedule and other options are being reviewed. Vice Mayor Crosier also inquired about assisting residents with bulk items and brush during the year, not just spring and fall scheduled clean-up days. Mayor Sibold also noted that with the current fees, he is paying for three tons of trash per year and then adding a fee at the landfill for items residents bring on their own. Mr. Hunter stated that there needs to be a way to identify city residents so they can take their items to the landfill without the extra cost. Vice Mayor Crosier requested that this issue be resolved in the next year beginning in July.

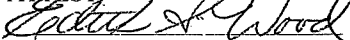
Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-18-04 to allow Adoption of Refuse Disposal and Collection Fees in Solid Waste Fee Schedule. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold – FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier – FOR; Ms. Beirne – 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 -18-05 Adopting a Solid Waste Fee Schedule with an increase of \$8 per month added to the Utility Bill. Mayor Sibold – FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier – FOR; Ms. Beirne – FOR; Mr. Hunter – FOR; Mr. Tucker – FOR

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-18-06 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget. Mayor Sibold – FOR; Vice Mayor Crosier – FOR; Ms. Beirne – FOR; Mr. Hunter – FOR; Mr. Tucker – FOR

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was recessed to Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to consider second reading of all budget ordinances.

ATTEST:

  
EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK

  
THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR