MINUTES
CALLED MEETING/BUDGET WORK SESSION
MARCH 26, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 5;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 C. J. Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Interim City Manager Clay Goodman noted that this is a complex budget and the purpose of this meeting was for review and discussion of funding for major projects and needs for the City. He advised Council to keep options open which could include a tax increase.

David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented an overview of projected revenue with no tax increase proposed. He noted the major increase in CSA funding requests. Items in this request had increased 100% to over 200% in some areas. There was much discussion regarding this issue and the concern of this as a State mandated service.
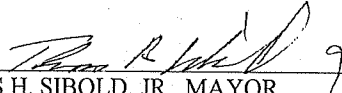
Allen Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works, presented information regarding paving, repairing/replacing the walkway into Thacker Ave., bridge repairs and drainage issues with 5 projects noted. He proposed the development of a storm drain plan. The Rayon Bridge was discussed and the entire structure needs replaced. This bridge is inspected annually for safety and could, at some point, be required to close to traffic.

Mr. Bryant concluded his remarks noting that the bottom line is a reduction of revenue 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