

**MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2025**

The Council for the City of Covington held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 09, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 West Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor Fred F. Forbes III called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Mayor Forbes took attendance. All Council Members were present. The following Councilwoman Susan S. Crowder, Councilman David B. Goff, Councilwoman Susan S. Wolfe, Vice Mayor Raymond C. Hunter, and Mayor Fred F. Forbes III. Also in attendance were Covington City Finance Director David Bryant and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

Mr. Dressler delivered the Invocation.

City Manager Allen Dressler delivered the Invocation. Mayor Forbes then asked those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Forbes reviewed the agenda for the meeting. All agenda items were approved by Council by unanimous voice vote.

There were no citizen speakers.

Council considered the reappointment of Mrs. Kathy G. Carson to the Alleghany Department of Social Services Board. Mrs. Carson's term was set to expire on December 31, 2025. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to reappoint Mrs. Carson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council then considered Resolution R-25-37, an appropriation for Community Based Policing (Tractor Supply) in the amount of \$275.00, with no city match required. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council considered Resolution R-25-38, a resolution of the Roanoke Valley--Alleghany Regional Commission adopting the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council considered Resolution R-25-39, an appropriation for LewisGale Alleghany Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary Police Department D.A.R.E. contributions in the amount of \$250.00, with no city match required. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council considered Resolution R-25-40, an appropriation of National Opioid Settlement Recoveries in the amount of \$14,480.66, with no City match required. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2025, the only meeting held in November 2025. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Manager Allen Dressler presented his report, providing an overview of numerous citywide improvements and activities completed throughout 2025. He discussed infrastructure projects, Public Works efforts, recreational facility upgrades, economic development initiatives, holiday events, and upcoming projects. Mr. Dressler expressed appreciation to City employees for their dedication and hard work and noted upcoming regional meetings and coordination efforts. He concluded his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council then considered a rezoning request from Newco, Inc. for property located on East Cherry Street, Covington, Virginia, seeking to rezone specified parcels from C-3 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Industrial) to allow contractor laydown yards and parking. The vote on this request had been tabled at the December 4, 2025 meeting to allow additional input. Vice Mayor Hunter reported that nearby residents did not oppose the request. A motion was made by Mayor Forbes and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunter to approve the rezoning request, subject to the Planning Commission's conditions.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Councilwoman Crowder, for; Councilman Goff, for; Councilwoman Wolfe, for; Mayor Forbes, for; and Vice Mayor Hunter, for. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Dressler discussed upcoming paving projects from Highland Avenue to Pine Street, pending completion of work by Columbia Gas.


Council was advised that there would be no meeting on January 6, 2026. The only meeting scheduled for January 2026 will be held on January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., with a possible joint public hearing with the Covington Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hunter noted the need for paving on Pine Street.

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With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting.

  
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FRED F. FORBES III., MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
AMBER N. BERBERETTE, CITY CLERK