

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in 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.

City Manager: Richard Douglas

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future infrastructure needs. Reports were given by Police Chief Anthony Morgan; Allen Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works; Keith Lipes, Water Plant and George Jamison, Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chief Morgan's report on public safety included the Police Dept., EMS and Fire Dept. Future needs noted included facility improvements, communications center expansion or joint operation, Fire Stations 1 and 2 improvements and fire training ground.

Report by Allen Dressler, Director of Parks and Public Works, included the Jackson River Sports Complex roads, parking, fields, trails, camping and other possibilities. He also noted improvements needed for the Jeter-Watson Center, Casey Field, the Depot, and neighborhood parks. A decision will need to be made regarding the skate park.

Mr. Dressler also gave a report regarding wastewater collection with line replacement/repair and wastewater lift stations. Stevie Steele of CHA also assisted with the report which further included street paving, bridges, sidewalks, signalization, municipal parking lots, storm water/drainage improvements and special transportation projects (Smart Scale projects, Maple Avenue, Main Street, Chestnut Underpass and Thacker walkway). Mr. Dressler noted items that would need improvement at the cemetery and also possible expansion. Also noted were fire hydrants. There is a need to address Public Works office/garage and storage facilities including salt storage. Needs for the Peter's Mountain Landfill included improvements to the building, grounds and roads.

Keith Lipes reported on the Water Plant building and grounds; additional pumps/basin work; water tank improvements identified in the inspection including the Pocahontas Reservoir.

George Jamison reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant which included building/grounds, pavement, equalization basin and replacement/upgrades to major equipment, clarifiers, etc.

Following the future needs discussion, Council added a closed session to the meeting. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to move into closed

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session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1) for the purpose of discussing Council appointed personnel.

Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the item stated was discussed. There was not action 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