

MINUTES  
CALLED MEETING  
MAY 7, 2019

A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 the following members present: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Councilman C. J. Entsminger, Jr. was absent.  
Interim City Manager: Clay Goodman

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Covington School Board to discuss issues of concern. Members of the Covington School Board present were as follows: Chairman Eddie Clemons, Vice Chairman Bert Baker, Tamala Preston, Erika Hunter and Tonya Jones. School Superintendent: Melinda Snead-Johnson  
Refreshments were served at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting began at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Sibold opened with brief remarks regarding budget and turned discussion over to Interim City Manager Goodman.

Discussion was held regarding funding for the City School System and the \$300,000 the school system is obligated to pay each year to assist with retirement of the new school construction debt.

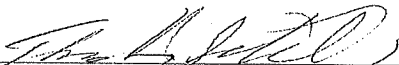
Mr. Goodman presented information regarding the financial situation of the City and the major capital needs currently funded and future needs that will need to have a plan for funding.

School Board members expressed concerns regarding the needs for the schools which included teachers, salaries, buses, and building needs.

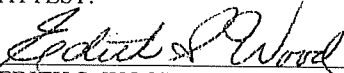
During discussion, members of Council explained the City's revenue resources, noting that they would like to be able to do more, but the financial reality does not allow additional funding for the schools.

Both Covington City Council and the Covington School Board, expressed the desire to meet jointly to work together to find solutions that would be of benefit for everyone. Mr. Goodman noted that a funding plan agreement between the City and the School System would be a very good tool to have in place for future budget preparation.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The May work session to follow.

  
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THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND, AS SUCH,  
EX-OFFICIO OFFICER OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON,  
VIRGINIA

ATTEST:

  
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EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK