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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

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The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor David S. Crosier. Council held a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council showed the following members present: Vice Mayor Crosier, Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker. Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. was absent due to a meeting in Richmond.

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City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

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CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Called Meeting of December 3, 2019, Work Session of December 3, 2019 and Regular Meeting of December 10, 2019.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS

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Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to approve the monthly financial report and the December checks.

At this time, upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 4 to 0 to add the following items to the agenda for consideration: (1) Tower Access Agreement; (2) Deed of Easement for the Smith/Dew Property and (3) Resolution R-20-01 regarding Signature Authority for the City Manager.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted to reappoint Rev. Bill Gilliland to the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board.

City Attorney, Mark Popovich, presented information and explanation regarding the Tower Access Agreement for North Peak Estates and the Easement for the Smith/Dew Property. There is a \$2,000 per year maintenance fee. The City has no responsibility for the road accessing this property.

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Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the Tower Access Agreement. Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For. Mayor Sibold, Absent.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the Deed of Easement for the Smith /Dew Property. Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For. Mayor Sibold, Absent.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. A public meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Downtown Planning Grant.

2. A call request system will be implemented in the next two weeks which is designed to handle citizen calls.

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- 3. Noted the partnership of the City of Covington, Alleghany County and the Alleghany Foundation regarding the EDC.
- 4. Replacement of a fire hydrant is scheduled for Thursday.
- 5. The City is working to move forward on the DEQ Consent Order to be in compliance.

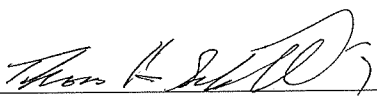
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-20-01 Chapter 2, Administration, regarding Residency Requirement of City Officers and Employees. Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For. Mayor Sibold, Absent.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hunter, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve Resolution R-20-01 regarding Signature Authority for the City Manager. Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For. Mayor Sibold, Absent.

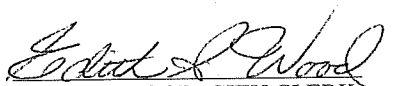
NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Tucker expressed concerns regarding a drainage issue.
- Vice Mayor Crosier noted a deep pothole that needs addressed.
- 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,
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