

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 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. Invocation was given by Rev. Richard Mansell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council showed all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr., Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

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City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

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CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the following minutes as presented: Work Session of January 7, 2020 and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020.

At this time, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to add the following items to the agenda: (1) Presentation by IVO Ltd. Drone Company; (2) Agreement with the Alleghany Historical Society for acceptance of Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant; (3) Approval of Resolution R-20-02 regarding the Revitalization Fund Grant in the amount of \$240,000. Motion carried 5 to 0.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Richard Mansell of IVO Ltd. a drone company, presented information regarding the drone projects. He noted the benefits of the Edgemont facility and the technology innovations that are being developed. He also explained technology that is currently being used in development and the contacts with companies such as GE, XK Glow and Local Motors. Mr. Mansell stated that the Edgemont facility has allowed growth for his business which has given him the capability to expand contracts and further his research and development. He noted that he currently is training his first employee with the possibility of additional employees. He is working with a state funded 3D Printing Grant to work with the drone industry for testing ideas and other potential projects. Mr. Mansell is working with youth in the area to get them interested in technology with activities such as the Robotics Club at Alleghany High School. His most recent project is working on wireless power technology that would provide power to drones without the need to replace batteries. He expressed his appreciation for the support of the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation and the localities. He stated that he is excited about the future.

Following the presentation, Council and the citizens expressed appreciation for his company and the possibilities for the future.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Discussion was held regarding vehicles being parked on the sidewalk and the damage to the curbs. Police Chief Smith presented information regarding this issue. Attorney Popovich noted that any new ordinance changes to address this issue also required the manpower to enforce the ordinances. One factor to consider is personnel and the need to find a balance.
2. The City is currently working with DEQ regarding the consent order.
3. Updated Council regarding the Jeter Watson Center drainage issue and playground equipment. The shelter, restroom facilities, grills, benches and parking area are being planned and hope to address late April/early May.

4. The City has submitted a video to the HGTV Show contest showing Main Street with Allen Dressler as the narrator. The video was shown to Council and the citizens.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve, on second reading, Ordinance O-20-01 amending the City Code Chapter 2, Administration regarding residency requirement of City officers and employees. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-03 regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$42,700. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-04 regarding State Seizure Funds in the amount of \$805.80 Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Discussion was held concerning Appropriation Resolution R-20-05 regarding VDOT Lane Mileage. It was noted that this is the criteria for funding. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-05. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-06 regarding security cameras at City facilities in the amount of \$10,000. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Attorney Popovich presented information regarding the Industrial Revitalization Grant for the Alleghany Historical Society.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the agreement with the Alleghany Historical Society for acceptance of the Industrial Revitalization Grant. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-02 regarding the Industrial Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$240,000. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Crosier inquired about the cost to the City for the March 5th Primary. He noted that the cost would be for 5 precincts and the cost of the poll officials.

Mayor Sibold inquired as to the possibility of the City declaring the food trailer that was under a grant for the Farmer's Market as surplus and sale. He noted that the Shriner's were interested in purchasing it for their fund raising events. Following discussion, Council requested City Manager Onaitis look into the sale of this trailer and other equipment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Josh Haynes expressed concerns regarding the situation with trash at the JRE facility. He suggested the possibility of fencing the area with a gate for entrance/exit.

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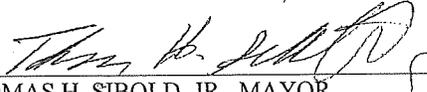
Paul Linkenhoker expressed appreciation for Council's support of the Discovery Center and the Industrial Revitalization Grant. He noted that \$1.2 million has been invested for the technology center and museum. There is currently a \$400,000 fund raising campaign in progress. This facility will present history, technology education and economic stimulus.

Dr. Linkenhoker expressed his appreciation for all that Council is doing to work with Olde Town Covington.

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No further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR
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