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CALLED MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020

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A called meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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.
City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich

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The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews with candidates for appointment to Covington City Council for District I. This appointment was due to the passing of Councilman Claiborne "C.J." Entsminger, Jr. and by law, must be made within a period of 45 days.

Mayor Sibold requested that Vice Mayor Crosier ask each candidate the interview questions provided by Council. Interviews were conducted by phone.

The following individuals had submitted their interest in serving District I: Lance Carson; Eddie Joe Entsminger; Robert Short; and Alan Hicks. Mr. Hicks notified Council that he would need to withdraw his name at this time due to work considerations.

Each candidate was asked to introduce themselves and tell Council why they wished to be considered for the vacant seat for District I. They were also asked about things they have done as far as volunteering time to local organizations or civic groups.

The following questions were asked each candidate:

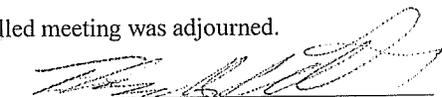
1. Do you feel you have the sufficient time to put into attending Council and various committee meetings?
2. What do you think is the most vital service the City of Covington offers to its residents?
3. Do you feel the City does enough to provide for the education of our children or do you feel the City should do more? What are your thoughts concerning a possible merger of the Alleghany County and Covington School Systems?
4. What should the role of local government be in regards to economic development efforts in the City of Covington and in the Alleghany Highlands?
5. In terms of economic development, what, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges over the next two to five years?
6. In your opinion, what has been the biggest success of the City of Covington and Covington City Council over the past two years? What, in your opinion, has been the biggest failure?

Following the interviews, Council thanked each candidate for their interest and their time to take part in the interview.

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

ATTEST:


EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR