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REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020

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

NEW

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.

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A moment of silence was held followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

A letter was read from Mrs. Norma Curtain regarding the truck traffic which was disturbing to the residents of Lexington Ave., W. Hawthorne Street and S. Craig.

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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 March 3, 2020; Called Meeting of March 10, 2020; Regular Meeting of March 10, 2020 and Called Meeting of March 20, 2020.

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APPOINTMENTS

Following a roll call vote of Council, Council voted to appoint Mr. Edmond "Eddie Joe" Entsminger to fill the District I Council Seat. This appointment will begin immediately upon taking the Oath of Office and ending December 31, 2020. Vote as follows: Mayor Sibold, Mr. Entsminger; Vice Mayor Crosier, Mr. Entsminger; Mr. Hunter, Mr. Entsminger; Mr. Tucker, Mr. Carson.

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REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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1. Reported on the incident that had occurred at 301 E. Prospect Street.
2. Updated Council regarding the COVID-19 Task Force. Also spoke of special acknowledgement for staff called "Thankful Thursdays".
3. Noted budget efforts and the steps being taken due to shortfall of revenue. A freeze on overtime, no seasonal staff at this time and purchasing freeze. The City will be focusing on core services. The budget will be presented by the end of April.
4. Lori Kroll is working with the Brownfields Program regarding a Phase I assessment of the Hotel Collins.
5. The community spring cleanup has been postponed. It will be rescheduled when it can be handled more safely with health protection equipment.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve, on second reading, Ordinance O-20-03 regarding temporary changes to meetings due to COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

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Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve, on first reading, Ordinance O-20-04 regarding Authorization for Treasurer to Approve Certain Tax refunds. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For, Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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City Manager Onaitis presented an explanation regarding Resolution R-20-09 requesting return of unexpended funds from Covington City School Board for use due to COVID-19. The funds requested would be the funds remaining after essential functions of the School System were addressed. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Resolution R-20-09 requesting return of unexpended funds from the Covington School Board. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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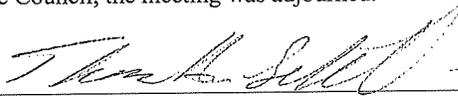
Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 4 to 0 to approve Resolution R-20-10 regarding the Personal Property Tax Relief Discount. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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Following discussion and explanation, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Appropriation Resolution R-20-11 regarding Shared Services/Jail Transport Vehicle repairs in the amount of \$3,901.02. Motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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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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EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK

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