

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2020

May 12, 2020 at
Covington,

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Present as
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of
the City

All members were present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman Edmond J. "Eddie Joe" Entsminger, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter and Councilman S. Allan Tucker.

City Manager: Krystal Onaitis
City Attorney: Mark Popovich (By Phone)

Added to the
agenda by
Mayor Sibold

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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At this time, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, to add to the closed session portion of the agenda, a matter regarding economic development. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor
Tucker,

Mayor Sibold read two letters from citizens.

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The first letter was from Mr. Kyle Moore of Gordon Street regarding allowing residents to raise chickens on their property. He is currently keeping them to provide eggs for his family. He noted that part of his property is zoned Conservation, but he would have to move them to comply with the current zoning. Mr. Moore stated that the chickens are kept in a clean area and well fed. There is no rooster or noise. He requested Council amend the code to allow for chickens.

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The second letter was from Garten Trucking addressing comments made by Mrs. Norma Curtain regarding truck traffic and noise. Mr. Garten provided information regarding the operation of the truck routes and instructions to their drivers regarding respect for the neighborhoods. He also noted that the concerns expressed by Mrs. Curtain stated only one trucking company.

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CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to receive nominations for one appointment to the Covington City School Board. The only candidate submitted was Mrs. Tamala Preston. Mrs. Preston is a current member of the School Board and has expressed her desire to be reappointed.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Reminder of budget work session on Tuesday, May 19th.
2. Working on Main Street Revitalization Grant and consultant.
3. Working on Block Grant Funds for Micro Loan Program with regional approval
4. Spring Cleanup will begin June 1, 2020

5. Gave an update on COVID 19 and Cares Funding in the amount of \$483,000 to be used for the COVID 19 response.

ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS

A Proclamation in Appreciation of City of Covington Employees and Volunteers was read by Vice Mayor Crosier. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the Proclamation with appreciation.

A Proclamation in Appreciation of Donations and Support from Organizations to First Responders was read by Vice Mayor Crosier. Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to approve the Proclamation with appreciation.

Following discussion , a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding a Radio System Technician for the Alleghany/Covington 911 Radio System. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

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-20-04 regarding Authorization for Treasurer to Approve and Issue Certain Refunds. 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-20-14 regarding Legal Services in the amount of \$30,000. 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-20-15 regarding the Industrial Revitalization Fund Award in the amount of \$150,000. There are no City funds used for this grant. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Resolution R-20-16 as amended, to allow Amending the City Budget at Fund Level as opposed to Function Level. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

CLOSED SESSION


Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to move into closed session pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 A.3 for the purpose of discussion public property/real estate. A motion and second, had also been made with Council voting to add to the closed session discussion regarding economic development.

Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the items stated were discussed. No action taken at this time.

No further business to come before Council, the meeting was recessed until Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to continue with a work session regarding the FY 20/21 budget.

ATTEST:


EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK


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