

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019

December 3, 2019
Covington

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Covington High School located at 606 S. Lexington Avenue, Covington, Virginia.

Presented as
Entsminger,

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. The Invocation was given by Rev. Pete Moore 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

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 November 5, 2019; Work Session of November 5, 2019 and Regular Meeting of November 12, 2019.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS

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David Bryant, Director of Finance and HR, presented an explanation of expenditures and the state of the Fund Balance. A report regarding real estate and personal property taxes would be given in January.

Following the report, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the monthly financial report and November checks. Motion carried 5 to 0.

REQUESTS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Citizen comments were heard regarding the proposed Resolution R-19-63 for the City of Covington to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. The following citizens spoke in favor of the Resolution: Robert Floyd, IV, Sheriff Kevin Hall, Corey Clark, Dave Reynolds, Jacob Lockhart, Nicole Clemons, Nathan McCallister, Mike Wickline, Stacy Patterson, Phil Cartwright, Chad Tacy, Barry Bunch and Bernie Moncrief. Comments included the need to protect the Second Amendment rights of citizens to protect their homes, families and neighbors. Concerns were expressed as to why the government wants to disarm the people. Many stated their belief in the Constitution and the rights given to the people. It was also stated that there are not enough law enforcement personnel to protect everyone. Sheriff Hall recommended that Council pass this Resolution and protect the Constitution. Mayor Sibold thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for speaking.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted to appoint Mr. Bob McCallister to the Community Services Board for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

The appointment to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority was tabled.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Ms. Onaitis had no additional report at this time.

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-19-12 regarding changes in filing requirements for tax

relief for the elderly and disabled. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Hunter spoke in support of the Second Amendment right of law abiding citizens. He stated that he was a gun owner and that guns were for law abiding citizens who knew how to use them. He further commented that citizens need to protect the Second Amendment. Following Mr. Hunter's comments, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Resolution R-19-63 regarding the City of Covington as a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For, Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For. At the conclusion of the vote, the citizens present gave the Council members a standing ovation.

A five minute recess was called.

Following the recess, the meeting was called to order.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-64 regarding acceptance of a DARE Program donation in the amount of \$250. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-65 regarding acceptance of a Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$18,692 with a local match of \$9,346. (50/50 matching grant) Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Appropriation Resolution R-19-66 regarding a Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$692 due to an increase in the grant award. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For and Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new items at this time.

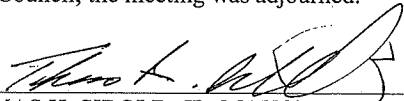
CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no additional citizen comments.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was held pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act Sec. 2.2-3711 A.1 regarding discussion of administration personnel matters. Following the closed session, Council reconvened and voted to certify that only the item stated was discussed. No action taken at this time.

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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