

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 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. The Invocation was given by Rev. Steve Noel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council showed all members 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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: Called Meeting of August 4, 2020, Work Session of August 4, 2020 and Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020.

APPOINTMENTS

At this time, a roll call vote was held to make an appointment to the Covington Planning Commission with Mr. Mike Wickline being appointed with a 5 to 0 vote. The other individual requesting appointment was Mr. Josh Haynes.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Crosier, Mr. Robert Short was nominated by Council for appointment to the Covington Board of Zoning Appeals. This appointment is made by the Circuit Court Judge.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

1. Update regarding economic development and goals for site development.
2. Update regarding CARES funding and compliance with Department of Labor Standards.
3. Update regarding active city grants which include: Main Street Planning Grant; Opportunity Fund Grant; Jackson Street Grant and the progress on the Discovery Center.
4. Update regarding VDOT Smart Scale projects: Paper Trail; Maple Ave. Phase II; Maple Ave. Phase III; Alleghany Ave. Paving Project; Thacker Ave. sidewalk improvements and DEQ Consent Order.
5. Update regarding paving which is targeting streets with immediate repair need and other streets in need of repair.

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-20-09 regarding vacation of portion of unopened street designated as East Willow Street. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For. Vice Mayor Crosier gave an apology for the delay in action regarding this matter.

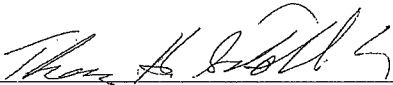
Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve Resolution R-20-32 in Support of Reinstatement of Funding for the Rayon Bridge Replacement. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Sibold, For; Vice Mayor Crosier, For; Mr. Entsminger, For; Mr. Hunter, For; Mr. Tucker, For.

NEW BUSINESS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Crosier, seconded by Mr. Tucker, to approve the extension of the CSB Annual Performance Contract to December 31, 2020. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Hunter noted that the grass at the Armory needs attention.

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

  
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THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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EDITH S. WOOD, CITY CLERK