

MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
MAY 24, 2022

A called meeting to hold a work session of the Council for the City of Covington was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust St, Covington, VA.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Sibold, Jr. with all members present as follows: Mayor Sibold, Vice Mayor David S. Crosier, Councilman S. Allan Tucker, Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, and Councilman William E. Carson, Jr. Also in attendance were City Manager Krystal Onaitis, City Attorney Mark Popovich and Finance Director David Bryant.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Ms. Onaitis expressed her greeting to City Council before starting to address the fiscal year 2023 proposed budget.

She stated that inflation is having an impact on the cost of materials used by the City of Covington. An increase of a dollar was recommended for wastewater treatment services.

Discussion was also held regarding funding for the Covington Rescue Squad, Covington Parks and Recreation, the Jeter Watson Center drainage improvements, Cedar Hill Cemetery, and cap paving.

A utility fund and demolition fund for the Rayon Bridge were also mentioned.

Mr. Bryant offered to answer any questions council may have. He discussed revenues such as the Asset Reserve Fund and soft billing for our ambulance service. He also discussed E911 dispatch and a storm asset fund. He stated he has not seen sales tax reports from the state as of yet.

Mr. Bryant stated that there is currently \$23,237,236.00 in the budget, and that spending needed to decrease or revenue needed to increase if changes were to be made to what was presented.

Ms. Onaitis commented that the Nettleton property is set to be demolished after school is closed for the summer.

Mayor Sibold scheduled called meetings to hold budget work sessions for Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust St. Covington, VA.

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

THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

KYLA D. CROSIER, CITY CLERK