

April 4, 2023

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
APRIL 4, 2023**

The Council for the City of Covington held a work session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor Thomas H. Sibold, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mayor Sibold; Vice Mayor David S. Crosier; Councilman William E. Carson, Jr.; Councilman Fred F. Forbes; Councilman Raymond C. Hunter. Also present was City Manager, Allen Dressler. Absent from the meeting City Attorney Mark Popovich.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Crosier made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Mr. Hunter. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Special Presentation

Mr. Dressler presented a plaque to Tim Green for over 36 years of service at the Water Treatment Plant, from August, 1986 until March, 2023. He recognized the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Peter's Mountain Landfill employees for their service to the City of Covington. Mr. Green stated it had been a real pleasure working for the city, and he had a great bunch of folks to work with. He thanked City Council for hiring Mr. Dressler a City Manager and said he was thankful for being able to work with BB Bryant, Director of Finance.

Report of City Manager

Mr. Dressler thanked Council and the audience for attending the meeting.

He advised that city offices would be closed on April 7, 2023 for Good Friday and Easter.

Hydrant Flushing

There will be fire hydrant flushing throughout the community from April 10th through April 21st. This is done twice yearly to keep the hydrants working properly.

Gathering at Former Gordman's Building

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There will be a gathering at the former Gordman's building on April 14th at 6:00 p.m. for current and prospective businesses and stakeholders, as well as members of Council.

Hawthorne Street and Maple Avenue Closure

A portion of Hawthorne Street and Maple Avenue will be closed to traffic from April 14th through April 16th.

Spring Clean-Up

Spring clean-up will take place from April 24 through May 5th in the city.

Small Business Coordinator

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Dressler have hired Terri McClung to assume the position of Small Business Coordinator. Ms. McClung has had 15 years of experience working with the Economic Development Corporation.

Finance Department

Susan Walton has done a tremendous job in the Finance Department, as well as the other employees of the Finance Department.

Tea Party

The tea party, visit with the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunt, and the Easter parade was fabulous. Mr. Dressler thanked Olde Town Covington, Parks and Recreation, and area business for their participation and help with the events.

Ball Tournament

Over 50 girls' fast-pitch teams of West Virginia played ball, and there were nothing but compliments.

Maple Avenue-Phase 3

There will be a meeting with the Virginia Department of Transportation for inspection. The city is getting closer to acquiring VDOT certified concrete at its local plant. The project is moving along nicely.

Drainage Work

Drainage work was completed on Hunter's Hill and it is now ready for paving.

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Mr. Dressler thanked Mr. Carson for his update regarding citizens' praise for the city handled the work being completed by Columbia Gas on Hillcrest Drive.

Boys' Annual All Star Tournament

The 52nd annual Boys' All Star Tournament was held a few weeks ago.

Boodie Albert/Casey Field

There will be discussions with the engineering firm regarding engineering costs as early as next week.

Mr. Dressler thanked Public Works for planting tulips around City Hall and for their work on Magazine Avenue. He thanked Mr. Forbes for the compliment for the city's work on Magazine Avenue.

Items for Regular Meeting on April 11, 2023

Mr. Crosier added the following items to the agenda for the regular meeting to be held on April 11, 2023:

- 1) Resolution R-23-13-Personal Property Tax Relief
- 2) Appointments
 - 1) Economic Development Corporation-To fill vacancy of Lisa Schoppmeyer
 - 2) Economic Development Corporation-To fill vacancy of Bill Wilson
- 3) Proclamation-National Child Abuse Prevention Month-Mr. Crosier read the proclamation.

Mr. Crosier added the following item to the agenda for the regular meeting: Resolution R-23-14 to the agenda: Emergency Services Grant, (Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), with Virginia Department of Health) (No City Match); \$5,000 grant.

New Business

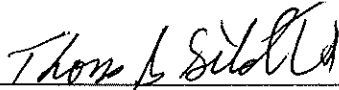
Mr. Sibold complimented the Covington Fire Department for their work in extinguishing a flu fire at his residence. He said the response was great.

He went on to inquire what the non-emergency contact phone number was for the Covington Police Department. Chief Chris Smith advised that the non-emergency number is (540) 965-6333. Mr. Sibold advised that the number needed to be listed with the other number choices

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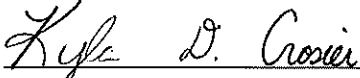
on the main city phone number, which is (540) 965-6300. Mr. Bryant stated that the non-emergency number would be listed on next month's utility bill.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Crosier motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hunter. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.



Thomas H. Sibold, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Kyla D. Crosier, City Clerk