

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 2, 2023**

The Council for the City of Covington held a work session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in 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 were City Manager Allen Dressler and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Crosier moved for approval of the agenda with a second from Mr. Hunter. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

**City Manager's Report**

CHS Graduation

Mr. Dressler advised Council that they are invited to Covington High School's graduation, which will be held at Curfman Hall on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

There were 20 scholarships awarded, thirteen hundred dollars each.

Veteran Parking Places at Food Lion

Mr. Dressler thanked the individuals responsible for the designated veteran parking spaces at Food Lion.

Spring Clean-Up

There were 76.88 tons of waste collected during Spring Clean-Up, for a total of 20 loads. There were 178 tires collected last week. Mr. Dressler thanked the staff for their hard work.

Maple Avenue/Phase 3

We met with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Value Engineering firm. They will start pouring concrete in three weeks and will be moving along to the area near Loving Funeral Home.

Gordman's Event

Mr. Dressler met with Dave Bostic, the new owner of the former Gordman's store.

Spring Plant Sale

The city assisted Callaghan School with their spring plant sale held in the Covington Armory. Mr. Dressler said the event was successful and there were a lot of attendees.

### Boodie Albert Stadium

The project is moving along, and the bleachers will hopefully be finished by the end of the week.

### Important Dates to Remember:

May 4<sup>th</sup>-National Day of Prayer

May 5<sup>th</sup>-Cinco de' Mayo

May 6<sup>th</sup>-Bike Rodeo

There was an adult slow pitch tournament held last weekend at the Jackson River Sports Complex last weekend. People from Georgia came to play.

### Earth and Arbor Day

Ingevity planted three White Dogwoods in honor of "Earth and Arbor Day."

### Social Services Department Program

The program held by the Social Services Department at the Jackson River Sports Complex was a wonderful event, especially for children.

Mr. Dressler stated city staff did a nice job of cleaning up the streets from Pine Street to Covington Farm and Fuel. There were still some trees to remove and hydro seeding to be completed.

He advised residents to mow their grass or the city would be enforcing the ordinance regarding length of grass.

### Columbia Gas Paving

Columbia Gas will start paving on Edgemont Drive and Dry Run. There are still some connections left to do on Hillcrest Drive.

### **Items for Regular Meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Mr. Crosier motioned to add the following items to the agenda with a second from Mr. Hunter:

### **Public Hearing**

- 1) To consider rezoning request of Five Stars, LLC.
- 2) To consider rezoning request of Garten Development, LLC.

## Appointments

- 1) Mountain Gateway Community College-Vice-Mayor David Crosier wishes to be reappointed.
- 2) Roanoke Valley/Alleghany Regional Commission-City Manager Allen Dressler wishes to be reappointed.
- 3) Economic Development Corporation-David Crosier and David Oliver wish to be reappointed.

## Resolutions

- 1) To consider Resolution R-23-15-Donation to Alleghany Humane Society
- 2) To consider Resolution R-23-16-Stryker Powerload System-Stretcher for Rescue Squad
- 3) To consider Resolution R-23-17-Cot for Rescue Squad
- 4) To consider Resolution R-23-18-Ambulance purchase for Rescue Squad

## Proclamations

- 1) Declaring May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month"

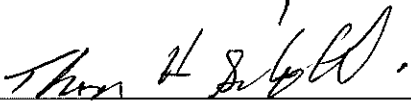
## Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Mr. Dressler will present Council the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023/2024

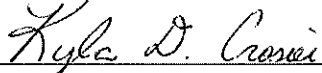
## New Business

Mr. Carson wanted to make everyone aware of the loss of Mr. Ed Gibson. He advised to pray for the family.

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

  
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Thomas H. Sibold, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kyla D. Crosier, City Clerk