

September 5, 2023

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Council for the City of Covington held a work session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 333 W. Locust Street, Covington, Virginia.

Mayor Thomas Sibold, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mayor Sibold; Vice-Mayor David S. Crosier; Council William (Lance) E. Carson; Councilman Fred F. Forbes; Councilman Raymond C. Hunter. Also present were City Manager Allen Dressler and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

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

City Manager's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant

George Jamison has been doing a great job with the EQ Basin Project. They are in the process of trying to replace the screen in the river before the leaves fall. The city is still actively searching for a Class 1 operator to fill a vacant position at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Landfill

David Kimberlin and staff continue to fill the landfill. The city has to decide what to do with refuse in the near future, as the landfill is filling up quickly.

Public Works

Public Works employee Anthony Lowry attended an event regarding the state of the water in Virginia.

There has been a facelift of the Riverside Parking lot, which has received many compliments from Covington citizens.

Public Works also assisted with bonfire activities and the Labor Day celebration.

Lonnie and the mechanics are doing a good job of keeping things operational for the school system.

Traffic at Covington Middle School

Mr. Dressler thanked Chief Smith and staff for traffic control during the start of the new school year and merger. He said that things have gone very well.

He went on to say that Chief Smith and his staff did a fantastic job of communicating with school staff.

Recreation

Mr. Dressler sent thanks to Thomas Smals and Lisa Worley for their work in the Recreation Department. He said he could not say enough about how nice the field looks (also thanked Kevin Pettitt). Mr. Dressler advised that the project was a collaborative effort with many different folks involved.

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Public Hearing

The Council for the City of Covington will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 12 2023 with regards to proposed real property tax increases.

Resolution R-23-26

Amending Appropriations for FY Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Grants

To consider submitting letter of support to the Allegheny Foundation for the construction of Casey Field/Boodie Albert Stadium

Allegheny Highlands Public Schools

Request for Approval of AHPS Capital Improvement Projects (Kim Halterman or staff will be present to address questions/concerns)

Allegheny Highlands Community Services Board

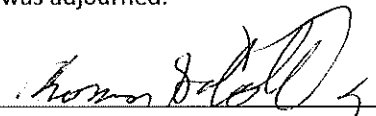
Request for Approval of Performance Contract (Ingrid Barber will be present to address questions/concerns)

Rayon Bridge

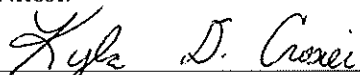
To consider/discuss the Standard Project Administration Agreement from the Virginia Department of Transportation with regards to the Rayon Bridge

Mr. Crosier motioned to go into closed session pursuant to Section 3711(A) (3) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) for the purpose of discussing real estate within the City of Covington. This was seconded by Mr. Hunter, and all members were in favor.

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


Thomas Sibold, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Kyla D. Crosier, City Clerk