

January 9, 2024

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024**

Council for the City of Covington held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. 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 (Lance) Carson, Jr.; Councilman Fred F. Forbes; Councilman Raymond C. Hunter. Also present was City Manager Allen Dressler. Absent from the meeting was City Attorney Mark Popovich.

The invocation was given by Pastor Stephanie Clark followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hunter. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Stephanie Clark, 804 S. Alleghany Avenue, spoke with regards of how to speak with the landlords about cleaning up trash, etc. from rental properties. She suggested sending reminders of refuse collection days on the back of the water bills. She also suggested meeting with landlords to have them remind tenants to keep their properties clean. Mr. Dressler advised the city was sending out letters with regards to mowing, trash clean up, etc.

Consent Agenda/Correction and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the following minutes, seconded by Mr. Hunter:

- 1) Work Session-December 5, 2023
- 2) Regular Meeting-December 12, 2023
- 3) Called Meeting-December 22, 2023

All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

Report of City Manager

Mr. Dressler met with Bobby Wagner, YMCA Director and is looking forward to moving along with her programs.

He gave a shout out to Public Works for cleaning storm drains, etc. before the upcoming storms. Sewer back-ups were addressed, and he appreciates the staff.

There is a six million dollar grant to address sewer issues throughout Covington.

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Pine Street

We are two weeks away from receiving the dome for the salt treatment plant.

Former Nettleton Property

Work is moving along. The greenhouses will be erected from mid-February through the beginning of March.

Landmark (Former Rivermont School)

There is full steam ahead on design, review, and historic approval. The submission should be complete by the end of January or early February.

Mr. Hunter questioned whether the light at the intersection of Alleghany Avenue and Pine Street would be fixed. Mr. Dressler advised that they were waiting on Columbia Gas and the insurance company. He assured Mr. Hunter that the light would be fixed.

Mr. Hunter asked about the Jeter Watson Center being repaired that had been damaged by a vehicle. Mr. Dressler stated that they were waiting on a window, which should arrive in the next 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Dressler gave a shout out to Chief Chris Smith for keeping him updated on the weather.

Mayor Sibold thanked Chief Smith in reference to "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day".

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Hunter.

- 1) Ordinance O-24-01-Boundary Adjustment Survey for Amy Wills (Warren)
- 2) Ordinance O-24-02-Boundary Adjustment Survey for Mcallister Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 3) Resolution R-24-01-Byrne Justice Grant

The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Carson, for; Mr. Forbes, for; Mr. Hunter, for; Vice Mayor Crosier, for; Mayor Sibold, for.

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the following **Deeds of Gifts**, seconded by Mr. Hunter:

- 1) Boundary Adjustment Survey for Amy Wills (Warren)
- 2) Boundary Adjustment Survey (Mcallister Memorial Presbyterian Church)

Appointments

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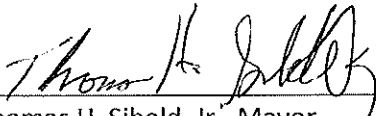
Mr. Crosier motioned to nominate John (Jay) Crowder to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Betty Graves. The term expires June 30, 2027. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Carson, for; Mr. Forbes, for; Mr. Hunter, for; Vice Mayor Crosier, for; Mayor Sibold, for.

Mayor Sibold requested to advertise for the appointment to fill the vacancy of Robert Short, Sr. on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

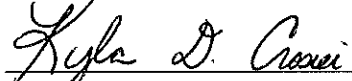
New Business

There was no new business.

With no further business to come before Council, Mayor Sibold 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