

January 2, 2024

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 2, 2024**

Council for the City of Covington held a work session on Tuesday, January 2, 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. Absent from the meeting were Councilman Fred F. Forbes and Councilman Raymond C. Hunter, Mr. Forbes due to illness and Mr. Hunter due to being on vacation. Also present were City Manager Allen Dressler and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Betty Graves. Mr. Carson seconded the motion. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Corey Bowles, 511 North Peak Drive, spoke with regards to the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) appointment for a parent representative. She provided Council with her resume and questioned who requested the appointment as the CPMT Board had not. Mrs. Bowles said she currently holds the parent representative position on the Board and has done so for five years, since 2019. She is a foster parent for Alleghany/Covington DSS, one of only two in the county, and she has not stepped down, nor has her term expired, as there is not term limit for this position. She included the policies and procedures for CPMT in the packet provided to Council. It says that City Council should consider the amount of members and their type of position, such as someone from CSB or City Council. She has been in contact with the Office of Children's Services, which confirmed the appointment would be the locality's decision. Mrs. Bowles also provided Council with a packet explaining what a Parent Representative is. Council did not have any questions for Mrs. Bowles. Mayor Sibold advised her that they would keep her updated on what is going on.

Report of City Manager

Mr. Dressler thanked everyone for being here.

Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety

The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety recognized Office J.B. Broughman for his service as a school resource officer. His time at Jeter Watson was more than a job. It was a calling. He was there to help the children. He enjoyed what he was doing, and his legacy will live on.

Pocket Park

The pocket park project is moving along, and work is being done for a heated restroom.

Nettleton Property

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The restroom at the former Nettleton Property is complete. Utility work is coming along.

Shop with a Cop

Mr. Dressler gave a shout out to Chief Chris Smith. He said the officers thoroughly enjoyed themselves shopping with the children.

Christmas Mother

Becky Perkins was great to work with.

It was nice to hear from citizens with regards to how much they enjoyed the decorations downtown.

All Inclusive Playground

An all- inclusive playground is scheduled to be constructed on January 22, 2024.

Mr. Dressler gave kudos to refuse/recycling city staff for staying on top of things over the holiday.

A couple of situations are being addressed with regards to water and sewer issues.

Lonnie, Dink, and Anthony are ready to go with road salts for winter weather.

Sign at Walmart

There is a new sign at Walmart advertising the Oldetown business community. Mr. Dressler is grateful to local businesses for helping to put it together.

Mr. Dressler thanked the city staff for their work over the holidays. He is looking forward to a productive 2024.

Items Added to Regular Meeting on January 9, 2024

Mr. Crosier added the following items to the agenda for the regular meeting to be held on January 9, 2024:

Ordinances and Resolutions

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

Deeds of Gift

- 1) To consider Deed of Gift with regards to a Boundary Adjustment Survey for Amy Wills (Warren)

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2) To consider a Deed of Gift with regards to a Boundary Adjustment Survey for Mcallister Memorial Presbyterian Church

Appointments

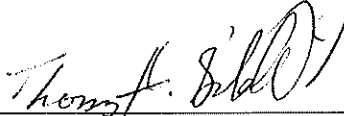
1) A Parent Representative appointment was tabled by Mayor Sibold, seconded by Mr. Crosier until the by-laws of the CPMT Board are revised.

2) To consider appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals to fill vacancy of Robert Short, Sr.

3) To consider appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals to fill vacancy of Betty Graves.

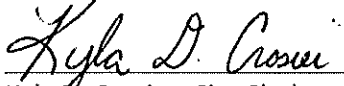
Mr. Crosier motioned to move into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) to discuss real estate, seconded by Mr. Carson. All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

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



Thomas H. Sibold, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Kyla D. Crosier, City Clerk