

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2024**

Council for the City of Covington held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 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 were City Manager Allen Dressler and City Attorney Mark Popovich.

The invocation was given by Pastor Linda Kagarise 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

There were no citizen comments.

Report of City Manager

Mr. Dressler thanked Council for allowing him to attend the VLGMA Manager's conference. The meeting allowed him to speak to other Managers at the meeting who spoke highly of the area. He spoke with the Manager of Loudoun County. There was a house explosion there and unfortunately they lost a fire fighter. They talked about the City's unfortunate loss of Officer Ogilvie in Covington. Mr. Dressler stated that the City worked with the family and was proud of how everything was handled. He met with other Managers at the meeting and was able to network on common issues with local Government.

Mr. Dressler thanked staff for all their work at the Mid-City Music Festival last weekend. Parks & Recreation, Public Works and the Police Department worked many hours and did a fantastic job. All was cleaned up for Sunday morning. The pool is open and thanks to Lisa Worley for her managing the opening and thanks to the lifeguards and other Parks staff. A pool party for a neighboring West Virginia citizen, was held recently. The ball tournaments have been great and it gives youth a nice and safe place to play.

Mr. Dressler thanked all staff for their work at the water plant for access to the river screen. He is working with David Bryant on staffing at the plant.

There will be a cruise-in of antique cars for the Back the Blue event with music on June 15. There will be a Juneteenth event at the Jeter Watson Park on Pine Street on June 15, from 11am to 4 pm. We encourage everyone to go by for good food and fellowship. Next week there will be the Fiddlin' by the River event on June 22 from 2 p.m.-9 p.m.

We welcome Eric Tyree back to the City's work family. Eric will be the City's Building Official and Zoning Administrator.

Minutes

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

Work Session	May 7, 2024
Regular Meeting	May 14, 2024

All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

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

- 1) Resolution R-24-16 Public Donation to the DARE program.
- 2) Ordinance O-24-03 Approval of the City's Operating Budget and Appropriating Funds for Expenditures Contemplated during Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 including the City's Fee Schedule.
- 3) Ordinance O-24-04 Imposing and Levying Real Estate and Public Service Taxes within the City of Covington for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.
- 4) Ordinance O-24-05 Imposing and Levying Personal Property and Machinery and Tools Taxes for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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

Appointments

Mr. Crosier motioned to nominate Thomas Sibold to the RVARC-Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission. His term is currently expiring June 30, 2024. The term expires June 30, 2027. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter.

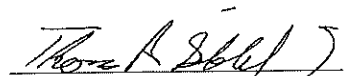
There was a discussion about the term seat for the Mountain Gateway Community College board. Tammy Scruggs-Duncan's term is expiring on June 30, 2024. Mrs. Scruggs-Duncan is not eligible for re-appointment. This is a 4-year term. Council will continue to search for a new board member and advertise for the appointment. The appointment was tabled.

Mr. Crosier motioned to nominate Gavin Dressler to the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library. Tom Long's term is expiring on June 30, 2024. Mr. Long is not eligible for reappointment. Gavin's term will expire June 30, 2028. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter.

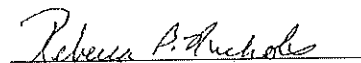
New Business

Mr. Crosier mentioned that the paving on Jackson Street looks very nice. Everyone agreed and was glad to see it being paved.

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


THOMAS H. SIBOLD, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY
REBECCA BRATTON NUCKOLS
ACTING CITY CLERK