

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2024**

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Doug Williams followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Crosier motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of resolution R-24-19 to accept Opioid settlement of \$5,348.93, 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: Lisa Worley for her wonderful job in Parks & Recreation; Becky Nuckols for her work in the City Manager's office and filling in for vacant City Clerk position; Central Accounting staff, Susan Walton, Lori Humphries, Sylvia Brown, Crissy Smith and David Bryant for their great job with the budget process. He also thanked staff of Public Works, Parks & Recreation and the Police Department for the great job with traffic control at the July 4th celebration at the Sport Complex.

There will be a National Night Out with the Police Department on August 6, 2024; the Annual Street Scene Event will be in downtown Covington on the 2nd Saturday of August.

The committee for The Wall That Heals event met again this week. They have dedicated members from Alleghany County, Buena Vista, Clifton Forge, Covington, Lexington and Rockbridge County. This event is an honor to host and is the only event on the Mid-Atlantic.

We congratulate Robert Shifflett on his recent retirement from the City. He worked at the wastewater plant and at the cemetery. We thank him for his work and wish him a nice retirement.

The LOVE Pocket Park is completed on Main Street and citizens are using it daily.

The sewer project on Lexington Avenue is close to completion this week. There will be follow up work such as top soil and paving.

The field house at Casey Field has one story poured with construction coming along well.

The camera van and refuse truck have been ordered.

Columbia Gas is doing their work and the City is following behind them.

The Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings is doing very well. There have been discussions of adding a day for the market.

The STEM project at The Nettleton across from Covington Middle School will be coming together soon. This will be a great opportunity to work with the schools.

Mr. Dressler and Terri McClung have discussed the Brownfield grant and on the list is the Edgemont property. They would like housing to be considered for the building.

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Eric Tyree, Building Official and Terri McClung, Small Business Coordinator, are working with Gauntlet participant, The Friendly Fork.

There will be a ribbon cutting for "The Friendly Fork" on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at 279 W. Main Street.

Mr. Crosier asked about the sewer line work completed at The Nettleton. Mr. Dressler stated that formerly the sewer line did not exist, it went into the storm drain and the work completed was necessary.

Minutes

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

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All members were in favor with "aye" votes.

Ordinances and Resolutions

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

- 1) Resolution R-24-18 to accept participation in Settlement of Opioid-Related claims against Kroger.
- 2) Resolution R-24-19 to accept appropriations from Settlement of Opioid-Related claims.

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

Old/Unfinished Business-Appointment

There was a discussion about the term seat for the Mountain Gateway Community College board. This term will expire June 30, 2028.

Mr. Crosier motioned to appoint Jerry Morgan to the MGCC board, seconded by Mr. Carson.

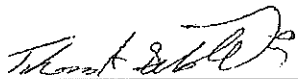
The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Carson, for; Mr. Forbes, for; Mr. Hunter, for; Vice Mayor Crosier, for; Mayor Sibold, for.

New Business

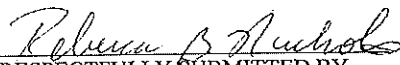
Mr. Sibold spoke about several developers that had worked in another locality and created apartments in a former grocery store. Mr. Dressler stated that the City staff will be meeting with the organization soon.

Mr. Dressler thanked City staff and City Council for their work.

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