



Redevelopment Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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300 E. Pike Street, 2nd Floor
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

September 17, 2024 at 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in regular session on September 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Steve McLaughlin, Thomas Neal, Virginia Servies, and Jack Whitecotton. Members Dan Rogers and Conrad Harvey were not in attendance. Others in attendance were: Mayor Todd Barton; Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development; Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Kent Minnette, City Attorney of Taylor, Minnette, Schneider, and Clutter; and Kathryn Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

President Virginia Servies called the meeting to order and roll was called.

Meeting minutes from August 20, 2024 were presented to the Commission for consideration. Thomas Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jack Whitecotton seconded. Motion passed 3-0

The Commission received and considered the following claims:

1. Banning Engineering \$12,750.00
2. CEL&P \$6,655.65
3. D&D Trash Service \$77.00
4. DES Engineering \$5,900.00
5. Enviroforensics \$7,800.00
6. HWC Engineering \$1,327.50
7. HWC Engineering \$1,470.00
8. HWC Engineering \$9,699.54
9. Indiana American Water \$38.18
10. KAH VI, LLC \$98,385.00
11. Price Excavating \$1,040,211.67
12. RJL Solutions \$3,400.00
13. Trane \$2,091.00
14. VS Engineering \$20,682.00

Jack Whitecotton moved to approve the claims as submitted. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

There was no updated financial report at this time.

Mayor Barton provided an update. He reported that they are approximately halfway through business retention visits for the year and working with five existing companies that are considering expansion. Mayor Barton stated that Economic Development Consultant, Cheryl Morphew, is working on three groundbreakings, including IRA WHiskey, Weaver Popcorn, and the hotel. He stated the monthly Workforce Alliance meeting would be held at 8:30 a.m. on



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September 26th at the Ivy Tech building. Mayor Barton reported that Ms. Morphey is working on the apprenticeship grant that the City had been awarded. He stated she is also working on public transportation with the League of Women Voters. Mayor Barton reported they are close to wrapping up READI 1 projects. He reported the transition at the Ivy Tech building into the Career Academy is going well. Mayor Barton reported that Purple Heart Parkway is on schedule. He stated they are partnering with the County on a corridor study to plan a future road map. Mayor Barton reported that Arbor Homes continues to move forward. He reported being in the early stages with the County, as well as Thrive West Central, working on a housing incentive program for smaller developments. Mayor Barton reported that the apartments on 150 S are getting close in design and should be presented soon. He reported that the Ben Hur building continues to move along. Mayor Barton reported that the water and sewer extensions on the south side are getting close to complete. He advised to stay tuned on the retail front, with things moving along on the south side, he expects to see activity coming. Mayor Barton reminded the Commission that they are taking the lead on economic development in the County. He stated the Schenck Road project would go to construction next summer. Mayor Barton reported they would be submitting a grant this week for the Market Street railroad issue, which is heavily backed by data. He stated they continue sewer infrastructure improvements, with the high school lift station planned to be rebuilt. Mayor Barton reported that the Shelley Drain project is currently out to bid, with work likely happening in the spring. Mayor Barton noted that there are some new legislative requirements and the November meeting would be very important to attend. He also noted that an article came out yesterday that Crawfordsville had been named as one of the most dynamic micropolitan (10,000-50,000 pop., not attached to a metropolitan) in the United States, ranking 60th and 2nd in Indiana.

Under items of miscellaneous business, Ms. Servies reported that her and Mr. Whitecotton had reviewed the IRA Whiskey signage and had no issues.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved: 10.15.2024

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President

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Member

M. Lee
Member

John P. Whitecotton
Member