

**CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE**  
**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
August 15, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

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The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Common Council Chambers of the City Building. Members present were: Jack Whitecotton, Virginia Servies and Joe Sadowski. Others in attendance were: ex-officio member Steven McLaughlin; Mayor Todd Barton; Brandy Allen, Director of Planning & Community Development; Kent Minnette, City Attorney of Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider and Clutter; Dale Petrie, Director of Operations; Terri Gadd, City Clerk-Treasurer; Cheryl Morphew, Economic Development Consultant; and Megan Huckstep, Executive Assistant, Department of Planning & Community Development.

President Virginia Servies called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. once a quorum was present and the roll was called.

Amended meeting minutes from June 6, 2017 were presented as well as meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on July 18, 2017. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes noted.

The following claims were submitted to the Commission for consideration:

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| 1. Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C. | \$ 175.00   |
| 2. HWC Engineering (Concord Road)                     | \$ 6,685.83 |
| 3. HWC Engineering (Concord Road)                     | \$22,452.98 |

Joe Sadowski made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Jack Whitecotton seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Commission President Virginia Servies proceeded with the agenda and requested a report from Dale Petrie, Director of Operations. Mr. Petrie informed the Commission that the City officially owned the Crawford Property located at 510 South Washington Street. He explained that the property would become a trail head park in the near future. Mr. Petrie stated that the owner-occupied housing renovation project was moving forward. He noted that they were working to acquire contractors for the projects. In addition, Mr. Petrie stated that the Committee was scheduled to meet next week to consider approving preliminary designs for the PNC renovation project for the future Fusion 54 site. He anticipated bidding the project in November 2017.

Cheryl Morphew, contracted professional economic development consultant, provided a brief update on economic development. Ms. Morphew informed the Commission that the City was implementing a business retention and expansion survey program which would include an annual site visit by city representatives to look at all areas of the industry and discuss any challenges that the business may be facing as well as any opportunities that may be forthcoming. Ms. Morphew explained that the City already had a tax abatement compliance program in place and the new program would be expanding on that program for all business and industries. She informed the Commission that contacts had already been made with several companies to schedule and establish relationships. In addition, Ms. Morphew stated that the sites and buildings database was almost completed. She reported that Mike Davis with the Montgomery County Mapping Department had been valuable resource with the aerial photography. Ms. Morphew informed the Commission that she was meeting with all three local superintendents to discuss what makes their individual schools successful. She explained that a one page marketing piece would be created marketing the schools success stories. Ms. Morphew also discussed the one piece international marketing piece that the City was working on. She stated that the City would be hosting Indiana based site selectors and real-estate brokers at a Crawfordsville Showcasing Event. She stated that she was currently looking at venue sites in order to finalize details but would keep the Commission informed.

There were no items of old business, therefore the Commission moved forward with new business. Clerk-Treasurer Terri Gadd provided copies of the proposed 2018 budgets as well as financial reports. Ms. Gadd explained the budgets as well as TIF funding. After a few questions among the Commission, Jack Whitecotton moved to approve the budgets as submitted. Joe Sadowski seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

In other business, Mayor Barton explained that there was a lot happening and he anticipated bringing several things to the Commission in the near future. Commission members commended Mayor Barton for his efforts on extending the road at Wal\*Mart known as Purple Heart Parkway. Also, Brandy Allen informed the Commission that the Plan Commission would hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017 to consider amending the City's Comprehensive Plan. She invited the Commission as well as the public to attend if interested.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 09.27.17

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President

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Joseph M. Sadowski  
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