

April 3, 2023

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Salts, Marin, Sare, Smith, Tanner, Attorney Powell

In attendance from the public: Marty Acord, Jr., Butch Scott, Marlea Crain, Holly Crain, Nancy Wallace, Margo Lewis, Butch Strawser, Keith Asbury, Mike Smail, Juli Root, Duane Lathrop, Brian Chumley, Polly Chumley, Brooks Chumley, Graham Chumley, Pam Hicks, Tony Hicks, Kathy Easter, Mark Lloyd, Scott Powell, Ken Baker, Becky Baker, Josh Rainey, Jason Beck, Steve Talbert, Jon Schrock, Chet Powell, Vicki Jones, Paula Copenhaver.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the March 20, 2023 Council meeting and board of works were approved.

Mayor Crain asked all councilmembers and any members of the redevelopment commission if they had received their TIF Management report it just has to be recorded in the minutes with no approvals necessary.

Councilmember Salts asked who changed the council meeting that was scheduled for March 6, 2023? Mayor Crain said that he did because he had a conflicting meeting in Indianapolis on that day. Council member Salts advised Mayor Crain that he had talked to the City attorney and the Mayor can't just call off a meeting that it is a council decision not the Mayor, he also said the council voted in December 2022 to have 1 meeting a month for January, February and March 2023 the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and that should not change.

Councilmember Sare asked about the restroom at the City Park and the large pavilion that needs a new roof, Mayor Crain said we have received 1 quote from Riverrun Roofing for \$30,000.00 Mayor Crain is looking for 2 more quotes.

Councilmember Martin asked about the pool manager position the city has received 1 application so far, we will be advertised again. Councilmember Smith asked about a park caretaker Todd and Marti Hankins will be taking care of the park along with Keal Webster.

Councilmember Salts asked about street vacancies and Electric department Superintendent position he suggested we start advertising for a new electric superintendent, Mayor Crain will find someone to write an ad through IMPA and get the process going.

Josh Rainey thanked the street department for getting right on his alley that he requested at the March 20th meeting, he said the whole neighborhood is thankful for the alley being taken care of. He asked about the new volleyball courts at the park and Mayor Crain stated they are getting taken care of.

Brian Chumley was present to clear up any misconceptions on his 2 properties they are both annexed into the City limits he did have copies. Brian asked if it is a requirement by the READI grant or the city to have this engineered, he has filled out everything for both subdivisions to turn in and would like to add his other land that he bought off of Community Action that has been engineered. (Covington Hills) Steve Talbert was present and feels the city needs to relook over the specs for streets when new subdivisions are being added he feels they are too strict and a lot of over kill. Josh Rainey asked if the project for Shiloh has drawings that the City Council and residents can look at, Mayor Crain brought in the drawings and said anyone can look at them. A long discussion was held on the matter and same results. Brian Chumley did request that Resolution 2023-1 be amended to remove Whispering Willow and add Covington Hills as the recipient of a portion of READI grant, Mayor Crain will check into if this can be done.

Butch Scott was present about the truck at 10th and Harrison and if anything is going to be done with it. Mayor Crain will notify the Police department to look into this.

Nicole Rahm stated the street going to her property over the hill from the Electric department is completely gone, she is wanting something done. Superintendent Nolan said we can gravel canal street and trim the trees so she can have access to her property.

The next City council meeting will be April 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Brad Crain

Mayor

Linda Knecht

Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Works

Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers: Martin, Sare

Councilmember Sare made the motion to pay all claims Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Crain made the motion to move Gene Fye to journeyman pay for the electric department effective pay period starting April 3, 2023, Councilmember Martin 2nd Motion carried 3-0.

Councilmember Martin made the motion to allow Butch Scott a water and waste water adjustment for a faulty meter set at his house. The readings will be adjusted to normal usage for the months of August 2022-April 2023. Councilmember Sare 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

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