

August 7, 2023

Present: Brad Smith, Justin Martin

Absent: Dudley Cruea

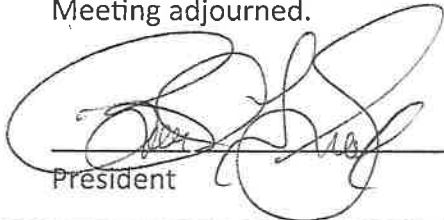
In attendance from the public: Carol Owens

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.


Justin Martin made the motion for Brad Smith to be President and Justin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 2-0. Brad Smith made the motion for Justin Martin to be Secretary Justin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 2-0.

President Smith showed the board the findings of Fact statement for the Shiloh project, Justin Martin made the motion to accept it and Brad Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 2-0. President Smith introduced resolution 2023-EDC1 Covington economic development commission resolution approving issuance of bonds and other action in respect thereto, Justin Martin made the motion to approve 2023-EDC 1 Brad Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned.



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President



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Clerk-Treasurer

City of Covington  
RDC  
329 Washington Street  
Covington IN 47932

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Present: Jason Beck, Paula Copenhaver, Joe Sare, Brad Smith, Justin Martin, Todd Hegg

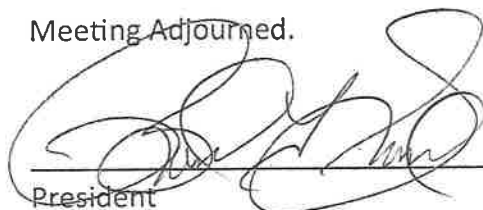
In attendance from the public: Carol Owens

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

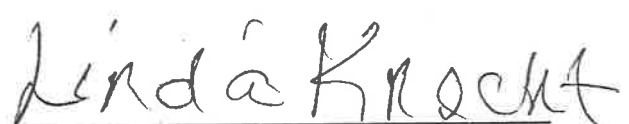
Todd Hegg made the motion to elect Brad Smith to be President and Justin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0. Paula Copenhaver made motion to elect Justin Martin as VP Brad Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0. Paula Copenhaver made the motion to elect Todd Hegg as Secretary Justin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

President Brad Smith read a letter from Bakertilly about the Proposed Shiloh Housing TIF Project. The RDC doesn't have to take action at this time. President Smith introduced Resolution 2023-RC1 resolution of the City of Covington redevelopment commission modifying and confirming the establishment of the Shiloh residential economic development area and related allocation area in the City of Covington and approving an economic development plan for said area. Joe Sare made the motion to approve 2023-RC1 Justin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0. Resolution 2023-RC2 was introduced resolution of the City of Covington redevelopment commission pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of economic development revenue bonds of the City of Covington, and approving related matters. Joe Sare made the motion to approve resolution 2023-RC2 Todd Hegg 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned.



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

In attendance from the public: Carol Owens, Brian and Polly Chumley, Nancy Wallace, Marlea Crain, Margo Lewis, Bart Crowder, Charolette Fogleman, Henry Schmitt, Mary and Jerry Martin, Keith Asbury, Jonathan Schrock, Paula Copenhaver, Garth Kagels, KC Smith, Shannon Foster, Scott Powell

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

Minutes from the July 17, 2023 Council meeting and Board of Works and Special Council meeting July 25, 2023 were approved.

Henry Schmitt was present to report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, he handed out a 8 year income schedule and stated they had another good year. The Celebration committee Thanked all of the City departments for all their help during the festival. Mayor Crain thanked the Celebration committee for another good celebration. He asked council for approval on using the park again next year and the council agreed.

Charolette Fogleman was present to request slow speed signs on Constitution Ave and also brighter street lights Mayor Crain said he will look into it.

Superintendent KC Smith reported that the street department has been busy with brush, street sweeping, replacing sidewalks, and minor service line leaks.

Superintendent Greg Myers said the school will be using the pool for the rest of August and September now that it is closed to the public. Supt Myers will get a list to the council after we close the pool of things that need to be taken care of before we open next year.

Garth Kagels talked to Jeff Murray on the new fire truck and said it will be delivered late October or 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The fire department has 4 new recruits attending classes soon. Bart Crowder was present to talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraiser and said they are about 3500.00 short for the new skid unit they want to purchase Mayor Crain said we can use 3500.00 out of Public Safety if a grant doesn't come through. The Fire department wants to do fire hydrant testing the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September it will also falls into the ISO certification that is needed, Councilmember Smith asked about the ISO report but Garth hasn't heard anything yet. The

Council held a discussion on why we can't find enough firemen and Chief Kagels said it's a huge time commitment and people don't have the extra time to do it anymore.

Chief Foster turned in a new Police ordinance that would take effect January 1, 2024 the council will review the ordinance and vote at the next City council meeting. Chief Foster addressed Councilmember Tanners question about comp time that Chief Foster and Asst. Chief Pippin have accumulated and seeing what it would cost to pay them out, the council will look into what to do about the comp time.

Keith Asbury asked if someone on the electric department could look at a tree on 6<sup>th</sup> and Johnson Street Mike Dexter property that was damaged during one of the recent storms, Mayor Crain said he will have the electric department look at it to see if it is a city issue.

Brian Chumley asked to have the council approve the 35 lots on Whispering Willows so he can go ahead with the engineering on this project. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve subject to engineering and Councilmember Salts 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Salts asked if we are spraying for mosquitoes down by the river Superintendent KC Smith stated since it's been dry this summer they haven't been spraying but will start now that we have had a lot of rain. Councilmember Salts also stated the pavilion looks great at the park but still needs to a few minor repairs. Councilmember Salts also asked why the council videos aren't on the city website and Councilmember Martin said he hasn't been able to get ahold of the files from Brad Keller, Mayor Crain said he will look into this tomorrow and get them attached to the minutes.

Councilmember Smith made the motion to have only 1 council meeting a month at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month starting October 2023. Councilmember Sare 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Tanner stated Bart, Garth and himself will meet at golf course this week. He also asked about a new tractor for the new leaf vac, Roger Herzog is going to rent us his during leaf season. Councilmember Tanner also asked about the paving again Mayor Crain will check into it tomorrow.

Mayor Crain introduced Ordinance 2023-5 an ordinance of the common council of the City of Covington authorizing the issuance of the City of Covington, IN, economic development revenue bonds and approving the authorizing other action in respect thereto. Ordinance 2023-6 an ordinance of the City of Covington, IN designating an area within the City as an economic development target area. Councilmember Smith made the motion to approve 2023-5, 2023-6 Councilmember Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 4-0 Councilmember Salts voted against it.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mayor



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Board of Works

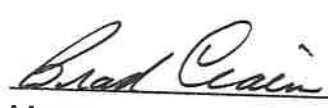
Present: Mayor Crain, Councilmembers Sare, Martin

Councilmember Martin made the motion to pay all claims and councilmember Sare 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Crain made the motion to hire Tyler Roarks for the electric department effective August 7, 2023 Councilmember Sare 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned

Mayor



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