

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 15, 2023**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present in person: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer and City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Proclamation: The Mayor read a Proclamation naming March 2023 as Disability Awareness Month, celebrating and recognizing people with disabilities.

Correspondence: Clerk-Treasurer Longer distributed the Budget Calendar for FY 2024. She also noted the State Board of Accounts has arrived in the City to prepare the 2022 Audit.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2023-04: An Ordinance Vacating an Unimproved Platted alley within the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: 625' x 10' platted alley, S of 13th St., N of 14th St., E of Fleming St., zoned R-2, 0.144 acres: South Side Addition, Grant & Susan Liechty : The Ordinance was read. The Plan Commission forwarded a Favorable Recommendation for this petition to vacate. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop to approve Ordinance 2023-04 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Mr. Claussen noted the Council had previously held the public hearing on this petition and has considered it fully and then made a motion to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the 2nd reading of the ordinance this evening, seconded by Mr. Kopil. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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New Business:

Compliance with Statement of Benefits: Grand Trunk Storage Depot, 7190 Grand Blvd.: Attorney Bebekoski was present via zoom, representing Grand Trunk Storage Depot. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits as presented. Discussion followed. Mr. Kopil mentioned the slow progress on completing the development and the site plan issues

not yet finished. Mr. Vinzant noted there are concerns as to the business stating there are employees present part-time but no washroom facilities on-site. Mr. Waldrop noted there may be code enforcement issues at the site but this is a unique property and appropriate for this use. Director of Development Beth Jacobson stated that the compliance with the statement of benefits is the only item at issue tonight. Mr. Claussen called for the question. Roll Call Vote taken. Aye: Huddlestun, Brooks, Vinzant, Wells, Claussen, Waldrop / Nay: Kopil. Motion carried. (6 Aye/1Nay)

Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-23 of the Common Council, Amending the Court/Police Bailiff Position for Hobart City Court: The Ordinance was read. Ms. Longer stated this was a clarification of the Police/Reserve Bailiff position for City Court that the Judge spoke about at the prior Council meeting. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-05 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency, and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2023-05: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-23 of the Common Council, Amending the Court/Police Bailiff Position for Hobart City Court: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Kopil, second by Mr. Brooks, to adopt Ordinance 2023-05 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor stated the City recently hired Bill Granzow, retired Police Officer, to fill the Code Enforcement position. He also noted the Fire Department has begun the hiring process with the Civil Service Fire Commission certifying 27 applicants on the potential hiring list.

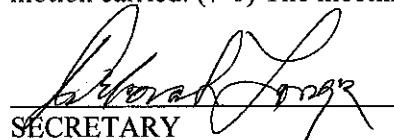
Tavern on the Lake has set its ribbon cutting for Thursday, March 15th at 5:00PM.

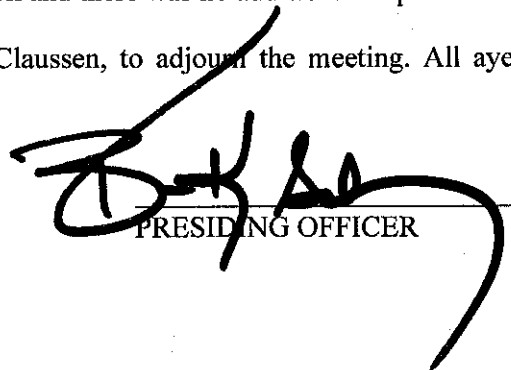
Georgia Hatfield discussed the possibilities of Hobart promoting and advancing more art events and workshops in the City and introduced Susie Baxter of PanoramaNow who could help promote and market events. She will be meeting with the Park Director soon to discuss possible plans.

Mr. Kopil stated he has been working with the Park Department and the VFW regarding the designation of a Veteran's Memorial Parkway and installation of banners and memorials to those who have served.

Mr. Snedecor asked if anyone would like to address the Council and there was no additional response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER