

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 18, 2020**

Call to Order: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, asking for healing thoughts for the nation and the world and strength for our first responders and health care providers to help us through the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Correspondence: TIF Management 2019 Annual Report of the Redevelopment Authority (RA) and Redevelopment Commission (RDC): The report had been distributed to the Council. Mrs. Longer stated the Redevelopment Authority and the Redevelopment Commission had both approved the report earlier in the week and it will be entered into the State's Gateway website for public viewing.

Lake County Council's Resolution No. 20-11 re: House Bill 1076: Mr. Claussen noted this had been received from the Lake County Council and he had met with the City Judge and Hobart Police Chief and requested they comment on this resolution before the Council considers taking any action.

Recognition: The recognition of Justin Andras, Hobart Fire Department was postponed indefinitely to the current pandemic situation.

Committee Reports: Mr. Snedecor announced the two new fire engines were delivered today. Chief Smith thanked the Mayor and the RDC for their contribution to the purchase of the trucks. They will be put into service in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Kopil noted that the 69th Avenue bid was awarded by the HSD earlier this week at a special HSD meeting. Mrs. Longer stated that Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD) has turned in their check as per the collaboration agreement for the sewer portions of the project.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Request for Use Variance: To allow a parking garage for the storage of personal vintage vehicles at 8597 E. 37th Ave. located approx. 800' west from the SW corner of 37th Ave. and Union St. Sec. 154.133, zoned B-3, 1.67 acres: Steven Pelke: Mr. Pelke was not present. The BZA forwarded a favorable recommendation with the condition that the owner extend the public sidewalk to the western property line and install landscaping. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve the Use Variance as presented with the conditions as stated. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution 2020-04: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, Designating a Certain Area Within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purpose of Personal Property Tax Abatement: 2100 East 69th Avenue, Hobart; AMI, LLC doing business in Indiana as AMI Tenant, LLC.: The Resolution was read. Paul Thurston, Indiana Becknell, and David Chang, AMI, LLC, were

present to address any questions of the Council stating this 10-year Personal Property request includes the purchase and installation of \$11,918.392 in various equipment and will include a development agreement currently under consideration by all parties. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Resolution 2020-04 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The Council welcomed Mr. Chang and his company to the City of Hobart. Mrs. Longer stated the public hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance 2020-02: An Ordinance to Amend the Covenants and Restrictions Governing Certain Parcels of Real Estate in Established PUD (M-1) Zoning Classifications: Northwind Crossing South PUD, 800' East from the NE corner of 69th Ave. & Mississippi St., Indiana Becknell Investors 2011 LLC, Paul Thurston: Mr. Thurston was present. The Ordinance was read. The Plan Commission unanimously forwarded a favorable recommendation to this zoning amendment with no conditions. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to pass Ordinance 2020-02 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) Mr. Claussen stated the seconded reading of this Ordinance would be held at the April 1st Council meeting as this is a zone change and the laws do not allow for two readings at the same meeting and also noted that Councilman Vinzant who sits on the Plan Commission was also the person who made the motion at the PC meeting to approve this amendment. Discussion followed and each of the Council members present voiced their support for this zone change and indicated their intent would be to approve the same in support of this project. The second reading of the Ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on April 1st.

Ordinance 2020-01: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2020 Budget of the General Fund: City Building Department, and the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to pass Ordinance 2020-01 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

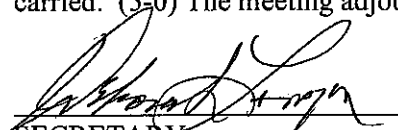
Ordinance 2020-01: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2020 Budget of the General Fund: City Building Department, and the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

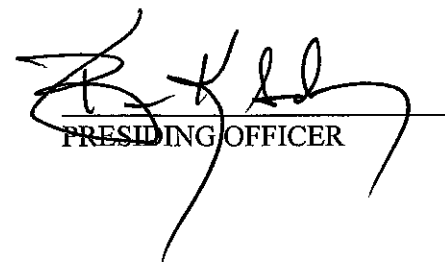
Announcements: Col. Antonio "Tony" Daggett, candidate for the 1st Congressional District in Indiana, introduced himself and his wife to the Council and provided a brief background on his service and his reasons for running for office, asking the Council to reach out to him for additional information.

Mr. Huddlestun thanked the Mayor and his team for the proactive actions they have taken to deal with the daily updates regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. He noted Mayor, Fire Chief, St. Mary's Medical Center and the Schools have been in close and constant contact to help our community through the uncertainties and to meet the needs of the citizens.

Mr. Snedecor asked if anyone wished to address the Council and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER