

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
MARCH 20, 2019**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence for former Mayor, Robert Malizzo who passed away on March 14, 2019.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Brezik, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Mayor Snedecor, Judge Longer, Attorney DeBonis and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: Beth Jacobson said that the City of Hobart in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, Work One, and Southlake Mall will host a job fair on April 5, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm. They are accepting vendors now and hoping for a great turnout.

Mr. Vinzant announced that the Hobart Conservation Zoning and Sub-area Planning Committee will have an open house on April 10, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Department Reports: Mayor Snedecor noted that some of the departments had submitted reports and year end stats for review and asked if anyone had questions. Mr. Vinzant said that he read in the paper that Hobart was the #20 Safest City in Indiana which says very good things about our Police Dept. Mayor Snedecor noted that with all the activity on the Rt. 30 Corridor, this classification is exemplary.

Aimee Schallenkamp stated that the first ever St. Patrick's Day Party at the MRC was a success with about 145 members attending. Mrs. Schallenkamp thanked Mrs. Hannigan for booking the Irish dancers and organizing the party.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Resolution 2019-04: A Resolution Designating a certain area within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of Personal Property Tax Abatement: Paine, LLC, re: 5441 E. Lincoln Highway, Merrillville: The Resolution was read. Mrs. Kane, Director of Development, said that the Service Impact Analysis Comments will be in the April 3, 2019 Council Packet. Mr. Dragon was present and asked if anyone had any questions about the expansion and there were no questions. Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to approve Resolution 2019-04 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) *The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.*

Resolution 2019-06: A Resolution Opposing the proposed NIPSCO Rate Hike: The Resolution was read. Mr. Vinzant reviewed a letter from the Sierra Club and said he is not comfortable making a decision at this time without more research and possibly bringing someone in to explain in more detail what the rate increase entails. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to table this item. Discussion was held about the Council's support of cleaner air and the process of the proposed rate hike with the IURC. Mayor Snedecor noted he attended and expressed his concerns at the recent Public hearing held by the IURC. Mr. Claussen called for the question to table. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Request for a Use Variance: to allow a proposed ATV track, escape room and rage room at 3950 W. 49th Ave., located .5 miles west from the NW corner of 49th Ave. & Liverpool Rd., zoned R-2, 7 acres: **Petitioner Glenn Miller:** The Council reviewed the BZA actions, which recommends that the request be denied. Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to accept the BZA recommendation and **deny** the request as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The request for a Use Variance is **denied**.

Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart be Amended by Changing an Established PUD Zone to a B-3 Zone Classification: re: 4280 E. Highway 30, approx. 0.04 miles west from the NW corner of Highway 30 & Clay Street, 1.75 acres: **Petitioner Andy Ademi:** The first reading of the Ordinance was held. Mr. Vinzant reviewed the action of the Plan Commission, which recommends approval. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to approve Ordinance 2019-03 at first reading as presented. Roll call vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2019-04: An Ordinance Amending Planned Unit Development District Permitted Uses for Pod "D" of Silverstone Crossing: re: approx. 7930 Iowa St., 3.86 acres: **Petitioner Bryan Rowland, Safe Haven Foundation:** The Resolution was read. Mr. Vinzant reviewed the actions of the Plan Commission which gave this a favorable recommendation. Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to approve Ordinance 2019-04 on first reading as presented. Roll call vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Veteran representatives were present and thanked the Council for their support. Attorney DeBonis recommended that the second reading be held at the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Common Council.

Ordinance 2019-05: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2019 Budget of the Redevelopment 61st Avenue Fund in the City of Hobart: The Ordinance was read. Mr. Claussen said that the RDC will be helping purchase a fire truck with money from the TIF District. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Ordinance 2019-05 as presented. Roll call vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

Ordinance 2019-05: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2019 Budget of the Redevelopment 61st Avenue Fund in the City of Hobart: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Ordinance 2019-05 as presented. Roll call vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

State of the City Presentation: Mayor Snedecor presented the State of The City Address video to the Council. He will present it to the Chamber of Commerce on April 10, 2019 and then it will be posted to the City Website.

Announcements:

Denarie Kane, announced that the City received an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the 61st Ave. Phase III project.

Judge Longer announced that the Court will be transitioning to the Odyssey System on April 1, 2019. Odyssey is used in over 90 Counties in Indiana and is used for e-filing. He is asking for patience during the transition.

Mr. Snedecor thanked the Judge and the Court for the many Community Service hours provided by defendants over the years.

Mr. Snedecor stated the contract for construction of the 3rd St. Bridge was awarded to ICC and work will begin in May.

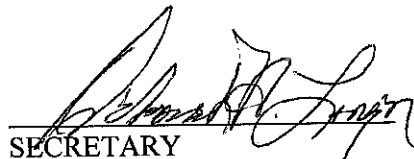
Mr. Snedecor updated the Council on the progress for demolition of the building at 3rd and Center recently destroyed by fire, stating the owner is still comparing bids and recently received approvals from the Historic Preservation Commission to proceed and expects to begin the process in 7-10 days.

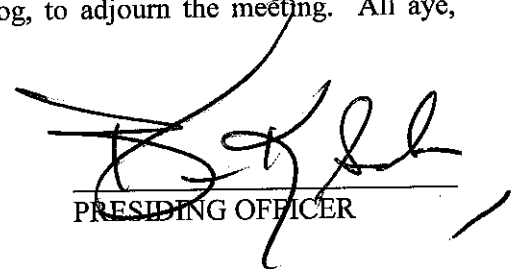
Mr. Snedecor also noted the property at 4th and Main St. was recently sold at Tax sale and the new owner who will be acquiring the property in May has plans to demolish the white building on 4th Street and will possibly rehab the Main Street Structures. He will be working with Mr. Hannigan and the Historic Preservation Commission to move things along.

Mr. Vinzant asked if a paving list is being put together. Mayor Snedecor stated if any of the Council has areas of concern to notify his office to make sure they are assessed and added to the list if needed.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


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