

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
April 3, 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, asking those in attendance to remember the family of former Hobart Police Chief Larry Juzwicki, who recently passed, in their thoughts and prayers.

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Brezik, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mr. Vinzant. Also present: Mayor Snedecor, 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 20, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Proclamation:** Mayor Snedecor proclaimed April 8-12, 2019 the Week of the Young Child in the City of Hobart.

**Recognition:** Mayor Snedecor recognized Emma Wright, a sophomore at Hobart High School and the 100 Freestyle State Champion on her recent accomplishment, reading the information from Rep. Lisa Beck that was recently read into the Indiana House of Representatives State Record and presenting her with a recognition trophy. Emma was present with her parents.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Fulton noted that April 1, 2020 is designated as "Census Day" and the public will be encouraged throughout the year to be counted as the census count is directly related to the funds allocated to various cities and towns.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Huddlestun scheduled an Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Herzog asked that Fireworks be added to the agenda and Mr. Snedecor stated the staff will need to check current codes regarding temporary storage shelters.

**Department Reports:** Mr. Fulton, HSD President, announced there will be an open house on the Stinky Creek Watershed on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Rosser Hall, Township Trustee's office to gather public input on the drainage in the area of the watershed. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Mendoza, City Planner, announced there will be a Conservation Zoning and Sub-Area Plan Open House on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss utilizing design and zoning standards in conjunction with development. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Snedecor stated the City is co-sponsoring a Job Fair on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at Southlake Mall. To date, 35 employers have indicated they will be participating. The public is encouraged to attend and bring their resumes.

Mr. Snedecor announced the City has been awarded \$1 Million Community Crossing grant funds for infrastructure projects in 2019. Included in those projects are Bracken Parkway and the Lake Park Avenue culvert replacement project and paving.

Mr. Dubach noted the compost bag program begins April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of the City Clean-Up week with dumpsters being placed throughout the City.

Ms. Goodpaster, Park Director, noted the Park Clean-Up day is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon at Festival Park and Comcast Care Day is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> to work on painting at the Brickie Bowl..

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Snedecor requested the addition of Resolution 2019-10 regarding the communications tower contract for 705 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to accept the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Progress Update: Permitted Trailer Parking on Private Property:** Mr. Hannigan reported that the owner is currently in Mexico but he has posted notice that the trailer needs to be removed and the permit has expired. Mr. Hannigan will follow up with the owner.

**Public Hearing: Resolution 2019-05: A Resolution Confirming Resolution 2019-04, 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:** The Resolution was read. Mr. Snedecor opened the public hearing and called three times for comments. There being no public comments offered, the public hearing was closed. Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve Resolution 2019-05 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Tabled: Resolution 2019-06: A Resolution Opposing the proposed NIPSCO Rate Hike:** Mr. Snedecor stated he had not had an opportunity to request additional information and asked that this item remain on the table. The Council concurred.

**Ordinance 2019-03 (second reading): 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 second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Ordinance 2019-04 (second reading): 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 second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to adopt Ordinance 2019-04 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Resolution 2019-10: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Amended Ground Lease between the City of Hobart and PI Tower Development LLC for the Demolition of the City Communications Tower and the Construction of its Replacement:** The Resolution was read. Attorney DeBonis explained that the Council had approved the lease last year but there were some minor amendments needed to the terms of the lease so this version reflects all necessary modifications. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to adopt Resolution 2019-10 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**New Business:**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits:** Dwayne Hickman, 102 S. Hobart Rd: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for 102 S. Hobart Rd. as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Resolution 2019-07:** A Resolution Supporting Legislation that would move one Casino License in Gary to a Land Based Location, move one Casino License to Vigo County and the Creation of Gary Trans-Modal Facilities as Proposed in Senate Bills 552 and 66: The Resolution was read. Discussion followed regarding the focus of increasing jobs in the area and the proposed activity by moving one casino license and supporting a land-based casino allows for additional trans-modal facilities along the shoreline which will create jobs and be a benefit to all of the area. Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve Resolution 2019-07 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

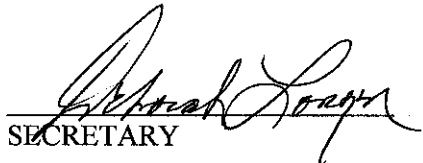
**Resolution 2019-08:** A Resolution Approving the Executed Development Agreement between the City of Hobart and Paine, LLC re: 5441 E. Lincoln Highway: The Resolution was read. Attorney DeBonis distributed the Development Agreement and provided a brief overview. Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve Resolution 2019-08 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

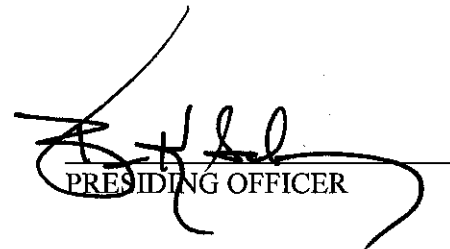
**Resolution 2019-09:** A Resolution Declaring the City's Interest in Purchasing a Certain Parcel of Real Estate in the City and Authorizing the Appointment of Appraisers: The Resolution was read. Mr. Snedecor explained that this parcel abuts the parcel the City owns on 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve Resolution 2019-09 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

**Announcements:** Joseph Conn, 910 Lake Street, representing the Sierra Club, questioned why the Council tabled action on the NIPSCO rate hike. The Council explained that they were wanting to gather additional information. Mr. Conn provided some insight into the initiatives of NIPSCO to shift entirely away from the coal industry and move more toward solar and water power. He noted there is extensive information on the IURC website and will provide the Council with some flyers from the Citizens Action Coalition. He asked that the Council move forward soon and oppose the increase.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (6-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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