

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 7, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Recognition: Lt. Russo presented HPD Reserve Officer Don Kosmatka with the Merit Service Award for 2020. Don has been a Reserve Officer since 12/19/19. He has put in over 18,000 hours of volunteer time in 2020. Mayor Snedecor also thanked the Community Service Workers through City Court for the roadside cleanup.

Correspondence: Update on 3rd St. Bridge project: Brandon Towle, BF&S, was not available for an update.

Notice of Public Hearings re: Amendments to Economic Development Plans: Dawn Hostetler provided an overview. The Public Hearings will be held on April 19, 2021 at 8:30AM during the Redevelopment Commission Meeting in the Council Chambers.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Snedecor requested the addition of the signing of the mylars for Utah Business Center and approval of a 2021 Auction to be held at Public Works; and Ms. Patton was running late and requested to be moved to the end of the agenda. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St: Jeremy Ogden, Building Official, stated that this was approved through the historical development and work should start next week. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to set this for review at the June 2, 2021 meeting of the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Order to Appear: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: Marco Tamayo, re: 7197 Mississippi St.: Lt. Russo: Mr. Tamayo was present. Mr. Pietrzak, City Planner, stated that the Plan Commission removed this item from the agenda and the property must be restored to the original condition due to lack of prosecution. This item was moved to the end of the meeting to give Mr. Tamayo a chance to get his attorney on the phone. Attorney Castro called in and Mr. Pietrzak gave her the update and requirement to restore the property to its prior state. Mr. Pietrzak also stated that Mr. Tamayo could

not file again for a site plan review for 1 year. Attorney Castro stated that she will explain everything to Mr. Tamayo and they will work with the Engineering department on the restoration. Tim Kingsland, MS4 Coordinator, stated the Army Corps permit explains the limits on what can and can't be done, and delineates the areas. Attorney Castro agreed to provide an update on the restoration at the May 5, 2021 Board meeting. Motion made by Mayor Snedecor and seconded by Mr. Lain to set this for review at the May 5, 2021 Board meeting and Petitioner should work with City Engineer to restore property. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Code Violation: Operation of Commercial Animal Establishment or Kennel: Julie & Derie Patton re: 493 Quail Dr: Lt. Russo: Mrs. Patton was present and stated that they are still working on finding a new location to move to as the first property fell through. Motion by Mayor Snedecor and seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this item to the June 16, 2021 Board meeting as long as the owners agree to not have any additional litters. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Tabled: Signing of Mylars: Hawks Crossing 6-lot subdivision NW of 61st Ave & Colorado St., zoned R-2, 4.29 acres: This item will remain on the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Caution/Children at Play signs: 3rd Pl. at California and curve on California St.: Brian Bruce: Mr. Bruce, 900 W 3rd Place, was present. He stated that the cul-de-sac was a gathering place for kids and people speed through and around the curve. Capt. Ciszewski, HPD, stated that signs are not effective and will not work. There is a "handicap child" sign that needs to be removed. Mr. Gralik, City Engineer, stated that a sign is not recommended. Motion by Mayor Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to have a traffic study done by HPD and to report that information to the Board at the May 5, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Speed Bumps on 6th & Center St.: David Otero Jr., 528 Center St: Mr. Otero was present. He stated that this was an alternate to the bike route and this road is highly used. He has a special needs child and requests speed bumps be installed. Mayor Snedecor stated that speed bumps are not an option as they can be dangerous and cause some serious problems. Capt. Ciszewski stated that HPD could possibly put some visible squad cars in the area to try and slow the traffic down. Mayor Snedecor stated that the City will continue working on this issue.

Request for Driveway Waiver to allow gravel leading to the pole barn entrance: re: 3702 E. 33rd Ave., Crystal Hewitt Owner, Chad Hewitt was present. Mr. Pietrzak stated he has no objections to this. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mayor Snedecor to grant the waiver as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to Repair Irrigation installed in easement: re: 2200 W 3rd St. Jim & Jane Krause Mr. and Mrs. Krause were present. They requested to get the permission of the city to have the irrigation system removed and relocated on the easement. The owners stated that Walsh and Kelly are willing to pay to get this repaired as long as the City approved of it. Mr. and Mrs. Krause stated that they are going to have another company do the re-install. Motion by Mayor Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the

installation of the irrigation system in the easement and the owners agree that the city will have no liability if any damage occurs to the system in the future. All aye, motion passed. (3-0)

Request for Easement Tree Removal: re: 451 N. Lawrence St., Brittany Kuzma

Brittany Kuzma was present and stated that the tree is in the easement and is deteriorating very quickly and it could cause damage if nothing is done and is requesting it be removed. The owner also asked about another easement tree, that if she paid for the branches to be trimmed, if the city would approve of this. Motion by Mayor Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain for the City to remove the deteriorating tree. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to allow the homeowner to trim the other tree at her own expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request for Use of City Easement: NPL Construction Co., re: SE corner of 61st Ave & Wisconsin St: Joshua Elmer: Mr. Pietrzak, City Planner, recommended this is okay pending approval of the PC & BZA. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mayor Snedecor, to approve the request pending the approval from the Plan Commission and BZA. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Resolution 2021-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of (4) Labrie Automizer Helping Hands, (2) Leach 2R-III Rear Loader Freightliners, and a Stellar Hooklift Freightliner as a "Special Purchase": Public Works Dept. The Resolution was read. Kelly Smith, Public Works Director, stated that it would be at 80/20 cost + VW which will pick up an additional 25% to lower our cost from \$2,000,000.00 to \$300,000.00. Motion by Mayor Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2021-03 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: Utah Business Center, 1-Lot Subdivision, 8203 Utah St: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the signing of the Mylars for 8203 Utah St. as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)


Request to hold public auction: A list of equipment to be auctioned was distributed to the Board. Motion by Mayor Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to hold the auction at Public Works at a date & time to be determined. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)


Announcements:

Mr. Brian Bruce, 900 W. 3rd Place asked for an update on the Wisconsin Street bridge. It was stated by Mr. Gralik that it will be bid on this year and hope to start construction in the winter.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER