

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 17, 2019**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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 and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: Mayor Snedecor updated the Council on various patching/paving projects: N. Lake Park Avenue will be patched where the new sewer lines have been installed by the Sanitary District but later in the season the remainder of the rough road will be paved as part of the Community Crossings projects; Community Crossings funds will also be used to work on Bracken Parkway later this year. Indiana American Water Company is working on 10th Street, re-paving the area that had been cut from some prior work they had done in the roadway and may do other patching throughout the City to repair other areas needed resulting from their projects.

Committee Reports: Mr. Vinzant noted that the Plan Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on Thursday morning, April 18, for the sole purpose of considering the Memorandum of Understanding with Cressmoor Development regarding the infrastructure.

Mr. Huddlestun noted the Ordinance Committee received an update on the list of vacant homes being monitored by the Building Department and thanked the Mayor and Mr. Hannigan for keeping the list up to date. Mayor Snedecor noted that CDBG funds will be used toward the demolition of up to 8 homes throughout the City.

Mr. Waldrop stated he has been working with the Firefighters Union representatives regarding their proposed contract and asked Mr. Brezik to schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss the modifications proposed.

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:

Tabled: Resolution 2019-06: A Resolution Opposing the proposed NIPSCO Rate Hike: Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Mr. Claussen stated the Council has gathered information regarding the proposed rate hike since mid-March including consideration of information from the Sierra Club and from Mr. Joe Conn. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve Resolution 2019-06 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Mrs. Longer will forward a copy of the signed Resolution to the Utility Consumer Counselor.

New Business:**Compliance with Statement of Benefits:**

ITR America LLC: 6301 Northwind Parkway, Real Property
6301 Northwind Parkway, Personal Property;

Jefferson, LLC (Albanese): 5441 E. Lincoln Highway:
Real Property/2011 Building Addition,
Real Property/2014 Building Addition,
Personal Property/2009 Equipment Purchase,
Personal Property/ 2011 Equipment Purchase;

Hancock Enterprises, LLC (Albanese): 5441 E. Lincoln Highway:
Personal Property/ 2014 Equipment Purchase,
Personal Property/ 2017 Equipment Purchase.

Mrs. Longer stated the Hancock Enterprises LLC Personal Property, 2017 Equipment Purchase is not yet ready to be considered and should be removed from the list of Compliances submitted for consideration.

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to approve all seven of the Compliances with Statement of Benefits as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Chris Gilleo, CFO of ITR America LLC, was present and thanked the community for working with them as they moved to Hobart and grow their business.

Resolution 2019-11: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2017-13 which Amended Previously Adopted Resolution Nos. 2015-12 and 2015-13 which Designated a Certain Area within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for Purposes of Property Tax Abatement for Lake Park Senior Apartments, LP: The Resolution was read. Paul Jones, Attorney for Real America, along with the CFO and Controller of Real America were present. Discussion followed regarding the changes, noting that there will be the same total number of units but more designated as market rate units, decreasing the subsidized units, due to overall financial considerations. Labor issues and some aesthetic issues the developers did not comply with initially have been addressed by the developer, internal changes within the company have been done and the developers continue to be committed to assuring the community is happy with the finished product. The developers stated the increase in market rate units will allow for additional funds for this local development and the funds would not be used elsewhere. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve Resolution 2019-11 as presented and to set the Public Hearing for May 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Review of Draft Interlocal Agreement: re: Pilot Bioaugmentation Treatment Program, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC): Mr. Snedecor explained that the Little Cal has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of this treatment program, not to exceed \$75,000, with the total cost of the program to be just under \$149,000. Mr. Fulton stated the estimated reduction in sediment and silt would be 1- 1½ feet and will need approvals from the DNR. Mr. Vinzant requested the lake area treated should go as far as the railroad (bike path) bridge. Mr. Fulton noted that the Little Cal will be watching this pilot program closely and if positive outcomes are as expected, they will be looking to include the entire watershed in the future. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor stated the 3rd Street Bridget project will begin in May with work on the seawall and the bridge work is scheduled to begin in June.

Mr. Fulton noted there is crack-sealing going on throughout the City with sand being applied on top of the sealant to reduce the sealant getting on vehicles while it cures to the roadways.

Mr. Brezik stated the recent discussion by the state legislators regarding the local casino licenses includes provisions that assure the existing boat owners and adjacent cities must be satisfied with any changes from the current structure prior to the relocation of any license or any gaming facility.

Mr. Joe Conn informed the Council that the Evidentiary Hearing scheduled at the URC on the NIPSCO rate hike has been delayed until April 30th and thanked the Council for taking action on the resolution.

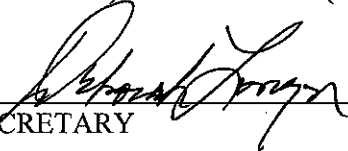
Beth Jacobsen thanked the Councilmen that attended the recent Job Fair held at Southlake Mall, stating the vendors were very happy with the overall event and the Mall Center Court was a good venue to hold this type of event.

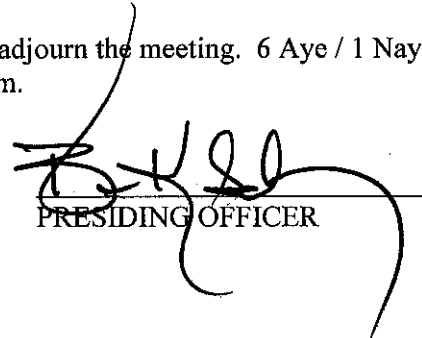
Mr. Snedecor announced that recently the City of Hobart had been chosen for a Division II Collegiate Bowl Game to be played at the High School Brickyard field on December 7th. He noted that it is believed to be the first college football bowl game to be played in the State of Indiana.

Mr. Fulton and Mr. Snedecor noted the two recent open houses held regarding drainage and planning issues in the City were both well attended.

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. 6 Aye / 1 Nay (Huddlestone) Motion carried. (6-1) The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


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