

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 1, 2019**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Proclamation: Mayor Snedecor read and presented a Proclamation to Greg Gomolka calling May 4, 2019 "Comcast Cares Day" in the City of Hobart. Mr. Gomolka thanked the City for the opportunity to provide volunteer services to the community on behalf of Trade Winds. This year they will be painting at the Brickie Bowl if the weather allows.

Presentation: Jodi Bella and Joan Vith of the NWI Meals on Wheels program presented the City with the first ever Municipal Partnership Award, thanking the City for their participation in promoting Meals on Wheels throughout the community. Mayor Snedecor and Dan Waldrop accepted the award.

Rachel Bornstein, Hobart Branch Manager of the Lake County Public Library, presented the Council with their 2018 Annual Report and provided an overview of the programs and activities available at the library. She noted that Sen. Eddie Melton will be holding a Town Hall meeting on June 15th and the public is welcome to attend.

Correspondence: Mrs. Longer noted the Director of External Affairs from the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor had acknowledged receipt of the Council's Resolution 2019-06, opposing the proposed rate hike by NIPSCO. He thanked the Council for taking the time to contact the OUCC with this resolution.

Committee Reports: There were no Committee Reports.

Department Reports: Mayor Snedecor thanked all the departments for their help during the flooding throughout the city the past few days. He reviewed the roads that were currently closed and advised the public to stay out of water in the roadways and the City will do all it can to get things opened up again once the water recedes. Additional rain is forecast for the end of the week.

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

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing: Resolution 2019-12: A Resolution Confirming Resolution No. 2019-11 Amending the Designation of a Certain Area within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for Purposes of Real Property Tax Abatement for Lake Park Senior Apartments, LP. The Resolution was read. Mr. Snedecor opened the public hearing, asking for public comments.

Joe Larson, 1260 S. County Line Rd., representing his mother-in-law who holds property located at 10th and S. Lake Park in a Trust, voiced his concerns about the variety of changes this development has asked for and received throughout the construction. He stated the abatement should not be granted and no more changes should be permitted. Ted Mavety, 1457 Lake St., stated that it is the best interest of the City to get this project done. He noted he has some problems with granting tax abatement but is more concerned about making sure the tradesmen get paid and the project gets done.

Mr. Snedecor noted the Council had been given a copy of a letter from some residents of Lake Park Senior Apartments and asked if the Council would like to make this part of the record. The Council, by consensus, agreed to make this information part of the record of the public hearing.

Roy Marschke, CFO with Real America, stated he had also received a copy of the letter and would be addressing some of the concerns.

Mary Ann Vouga, 1015 Real America Drive, stated this company has similar business in various places throughout the State of Indiana and she wondered why they were having so many problems in this location. She noted this City needs Senior Housing but needs it done as promised. Alon Dickson, 1011 Real America Drive, expressed concerns about where the dirt and fill came from that was put behind the homes as there is little to no weeds growing in it and was concerned that it came from an unclean site and dumped here to save money.

Mr. Snedecor asked Mr. Marschke to remain after the meeting to discuss concerns with the residents in attendance and to get their contact information to address their issues. There being no further comments offered, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Brezik stated his commitment that the City must make Real America live up to their part of the development plans as promised and will continue to monitor the progress of the development. Mr. Maggio stated the labor concerns have been a problem but will be dealt with at the Contractor's Licensing Board. Mr. Vinzant noted this Resolution is an Amendment to the current tax abatement already in place, changing the number of market rate units. Mr. Waldrop noted this development has improved the corner and is providing a needed housing alternative for seniors in the community. Mr. Huddlestun stated that some of the demands of the financing options require a shift in how a property is developed and marketed and this is not an unusual occurrence. Mr. Marshke noted that Real America is trying to work with the City to get this project completed with the anticipated completion date of August 15, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Waldrop, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve Resolution 2019-12 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. 6 Aye: Herzog, Huddlestun, Maggio, Brezik, Claussen, Waldrop / 1 Nay: Vinzant. Motion carried. (6-1)

New Business:

Compliance with Statement of Benefits:

Lake Park II LLC (Real America): 111 W. 10th Street: Real Property

Joseph & Pamela Broadaway (Trailblazers Bike Barn): 11 N. Hobart Rd.: Real Property

Hanson Cold Storage: 2201 Northwind Parkway: Real Property and Personal Property

Indiana Land Becknell Investors LLC:

6451 Northwind Parkway (Foremost Groups and Calpipe Industries): Real Property

2101 Northwind Parkway (NB Coatings): Real Property

1851 Northwind Parkway (Sunbelt Rentals): Real Property

Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve all of the Compliances with Statement of Benefits as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Vinzant noted there is a spaghetti dinner planned by the St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church to raise funds for the Ross Township Food Pantry on Thursday, May 9th.

Mr. Snedecor announced there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, May 6th at noon on the 3rd St. Bridge.

Robb Zimmerman stated the Kiwanis Club is holding a "Dueling Pianos" event at the Art Theatre on May 10th and the benefits will be going to the Hobart Park Department. Tickets are on sale by Kiwanis members or at the door.

Mr. Snedecor noted that the Primary Election day is Tuesday, May 7th and early voting is available now at the Police Court Complex.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adjourn the meeting. 6 Aye / 1 Nay (Huddlestun) Motion carried. (6-1) The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


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