

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
May 6, 2020**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom with the public issued a dial-in number to allow listening and participation capabilities if recognized by the Council.

Roll Call: The following members were present via Zoom: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells and Mr. Waldrop. Present in person and via Zoom: Mr. Claussen. Also present via Zoom and in person: Mr. Snedecor, City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Attorney McCarthy read a brief statement as follows:

Due to the current directives to address the spread of COVID 19, this regular meeting of the common council will be held in real time by video conferencing call through Zoom as City Hall remains closed to the public for safety reasons. The agenda for today's meeting was properly posted on the City of Hobart's website and outside City Hall, additionally it was sent via facsimile to the press on April 30. I want to thank the members of the public and press that have joined us through zoom. Some housekeeping: The meeting is being recorded and it is important that its preservation is audible. We request those members of the public joining to keep the mute/audio and video function turned off during the meeting to ensure the Council members can clearly communicate with one another. During the course of the meeting the public may submit questions/comments the chat function on Zoom. Please direct your "chat" to the participant labelled "Mayor's Office." The Council members will respond either at the time of the question or later in the meeting. For the Council voting today will be done by roll call so that each vote can be properly documented. I would ask that each Council member refrain from talking over other members and unless a member is speaking, that they also mute their microphones or telephones to reduce noise. Thank you in advance for following these instructions.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2020 and the Special Meeting of March 27, 2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Proclamation: Week of the Young Child, April 13-17, 2020: Mr. Snedecor stated he had issued this proclamation on April 1, 2020 but due to the cancellation of the Council meetings in April, he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council, stating the City continues to recognize and support the early learning programs for all young children.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor requested the addition of actions related to the CDBG program: Affirmative Action Program, Section 3 Understanding, and Res., 2020-10: Authorizing project proposals to be submitted. He also noted the removal of the following items as withdrawn by the petitioners: Public Hearing and Res. 2020-03, Res. 2020-06, Public Hearing and Res. 2020-05, and Res. 2020-07. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2020-02 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance to Amend the Covenants and Restrictions Governing Certain Parcels of Real Estate in Established PUD (M-1) Zoning Classifications: Northwind Crossing South PUD, 800' East from the NE Corner of 69th Ave. & Mississippi Street., Indiana Becknell Investors 2011 LLC, Paul Thurston and Joe Hallak: The 2nd reading of the Ordinance was held. Mr. Thurston and Mr. Hallak were present telephonically and provided a brief overview of the requested amendments to the covenants and restrictions. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2020-02 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Update Compliance: Ornamental Iron Railing – Use Variance denied, property compliant by 4/1/2020, Erik Dworak, re: 7207 Colorado St.: Mr. Dworak was not present. Mrs. Longer reviewed that the BZA had forwarded an unfavorable recommendation to the Council for the Use Variance on October 3, 2019 and the Council had denied the Use Variance on October 16, 2019, giving the petitioner until April 1, 2020 to bring the property into compliance. The Development Department of the City noted via telephone participation that they had provided leads for relocation of the business to the petitioner in October and Mr. Kopil stated he had also recently provided possible leads to the owner. Discussion followed as to the accommodations the Council had already allowed by giving the owner 6 months to make arrangements and he has seemingly expanded his business use at his home rather than take steps to find another business location. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to authorize the City Executive to take the steps necessary to bring the property into compliance, ceasing the business operations. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Attorney McCarthy will file a case in the Lake County Courts as soon as possible.

New Business:

Compliance with Statement of Benefits: Vacant Building Deduction: Brickie Gyros/Wendy Race, re: 524 E. 3rd Street: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the compliance with statement of benefits as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Resolution 2020-09: A Resolution Modifying Normal Employee Operations: The Resolution was read. Heather reviewed the resolution prepared to allow the City to alter some staffing operations in order to continue to function during the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Resolution 2020-09 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: Mr. Fulton explained the process of submitting project proposals to Lake County Economic Development as part of the CDBG program and provided a brief overview of possible projects that are being considered, including some ADA access work at certain playgrounds throughout the City. He noted that due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, the County will be holding the public hearing on behalf of the City this year but the following items still need to be considered and approved locally in order to submit a proposal:

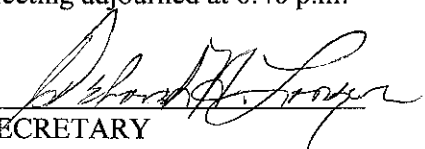
Affirmative Action Program: Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Affirmative Action Program Implementing Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

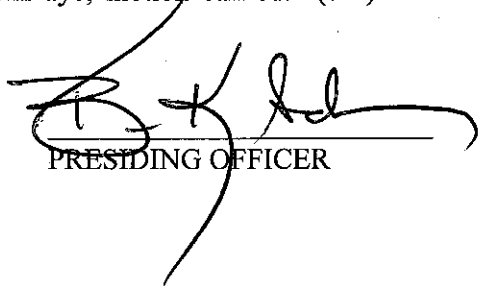
Section 3 Understanding: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Section 3 Understanding related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the CDBG program. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor or Council President of the City of Hobart, Indiana to submit a Project Proposal for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2020: The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve Resolution 2020-10 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Mrs. Longer noted that due to the electronic meeting being held, most of the Council members signatures would be typed onto the Resolution as evidenced by their individual roll call votes in the affirmative for approval of the Resolution.

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone on the phone who wished to address the Council and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER