

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 2, 2021**

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. Mr. Snedecor asked the Council to remember the Tom Silich family as his wife Kelly passed away earlier in the week. 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 in person: Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Present remotely: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Maggio. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: The Council recognized the Jr. Pee-Wee Football Team who won the State Championship and the Mid-America Championship last fall. The team was present with their parents and coaches and presented the Mayor with a framed, signed photo of the team.

Mr. Vinzant stated he continues to get complaints regarding the traffic in the Veteran's Elementary School area during pick-up of students and the blocking of driveways and alleys and the City needs to require a better process by the schools to address this issue and have a new system in place prior to the start of the school year in August. Discussion followed as to the process and possibly creating a temporary 1-way area on Cleveland with stacking of cars during the pick-up times. Hobart Police Dept. will continue to assess the situation and work on a solution.

The newly hired Hobart Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tom Byelick was introduced and stated he is looking forward to continuing a good relationship between the City and businesses. Mr. Huddlestun suggested that a Council member be designated as a liaison between the Chamber and the City and he will serve as such along with Mayor Snedecor who is an honorary member of the Board.

Ross Pietrzak, City Planner requested the Council designate a member to serve on the Steering Committee to work throughout the summer, reviewing RFQ's and interviewing candidates to narrow the list as to who is invited to submit an RFP for the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The RFQ's are due in by June 28th with a selection anticipated in mid-August. Mr. Pietrzak noted that all of the Council is invited to be involved in the process and especially the reviewing, discussing and approving the Comp Plan when being updated. Mr. Huddlestun nominated Mr. Wells to serve on the Steering Committee to review the RFQ's, seconded by Mr. Vinzant. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Committee Reports: Mr. Huddlestun noted the Ordinance Committee will not meet on June 9th as previously scheduled but instead will meet on Wednesday, June 16th directly after the conclusion of the Council Meeting. Notices and agendas will be sent out.

Department Reports: Parks Director Kelly Goodpaster stated the Community Pool is opening on Monday, June 7th with a ribbon cutting scheduled for 9:00am. She noted the finishing touches on the pool will not be completed at that time but plans an Open House later in the season. She also reminded the Council and the public that the Country Jam is scheduled for this Saturday, June 5th at the Brickie Bowl.

Public Works Director Kelly Smith stated there is now a 24/7 Compost drop-off area at the City yard Hobart residents may bring their compost anytime without the need for a dump permit. The 24/7 area is under video surveillance to record offenders.

City Engineer Phil Gralik stated the sinkhole on 3rd St. at the west end of the bridge seems to have been caused by a broken sewer lateral that was damaged when the water company put in their main or by NIPSCO when they were working in the area. Hasse Construction will be repairing the area in the next few days and the City will assess the situation and the cause once the road is opened up and contact the water company or NIPSCO to pay for the damages. Discussion followed as to whether the City can request they repave the entire bridge area instead of just a patch. Mr. Gralik will follow up.

Mr. Gralik noted the Stinky Creek application has been turned in and the Little Cal River Basin Commission will hear the applications by the end of June. He also was asked to follow up with a patched area at the corner of 10th and Lincoln as the area is dropping and needs to be fixed.

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

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Ordinance 2021-04 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code concerning Contractor Licensing: Jeremy Ogden, Building Official: Mr. Ogden has requested this remain on the table as he continues to discuss the Ordinance with the Building Trades.

New Business:

Compliance with Statement of Benefits: Lake Park II, LLC (Real America), 51 W. 10th St. (Real Property): Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve and accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits from Lake Park II, LLC as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2021-13: An Ordinance to Remove and Replace a Preliminary Plan Governing Certain Parcels of Real Estate in Established PUD (M-1) Zoning Classifications: Indiana Becknell Investors 2011, LLC, re: Northwind Crossing South, Lot 1, 800' east from the NE corner of 69th Ave & Mississippi St., 50 acres +/-: Paul Thurston, Joe Hallak: The Ordinance was read. The Plan Commission provided a favorable recommendation to this petition. Ross Pietrzak noted that this Ordinance will repeal Ord. 2020-02 as previously adopted by the Council, in its entirety as noted in Section 1 and Section 2 of the new Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to accept and approve Ordinance 2021-13 on first reading as presented and discussed. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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Resolution 2021-11: A Resolution Establishing the Policy by which members of the Common Council may participate by Electronic Means of Communication: City Attorney Heather McCarthy noted this Resolution reflects the new State law directly and would not go into effect until the Governor's

Emergency Order expires. She stated that the City can be more restrictive but not less in their policy governing electronic communications and the Board of Works, Park Board, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Redevelopment Commission and the Sanitary/Stormwater District Boards will be asked to adopt their own Resolutions in keeping with this policy. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adopt Resolution 2021-11 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Vinzant noted the Clerk-Treasurer had provided a print-out of the 2021 Circuit Breaker Report and noted the City shows a circuit breaker credit of \$2,211,437.56 which takes the Certified Levy from \$19,822,303 to \$17,538,377.79. This credit continues to negatively impact the City's revenues and the Council should be aware of this when starting to discuss budgets for 2022.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER