

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 5, 2019**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Brezik, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence:

Mr. Snedecor and Mr. Maggio requested recognition of three girls who put together a community service project to get young people out into the parks to enjoy nature and to make people smile. Chloe Richards, Ashlee Ortiz and Skyler Munyon hid decorated Easter eggs in the parks for others to find just before Easter. The girls and their parents were present and stated the project had a good result when they found that people were re-hiding the eggs for others. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to each of the girls and the Council thanked them for their actions.

Sherryl Doerr provided information regarding the upcoming 2019 Annual Water Festival. The Festival will be held at Festival Park on Saturday, June 15th from 10 am – 4 pm with games, activities, food, music, entertainment along with kayak and aqua bike rentals being available. She noted this is the 8th annual Water Festival in the City of Hobart.

State Representative Lisa Beck and Mayor Snedecor recognized Cody Johnston who recently won the State Championship for pole vaulting at a height of 12'6" representing Hobart Middle School. Ms. Beck read an Indiana House of Representatives Proclamation and Mr. Snedecor presented Cody with a Certificate of Achievement and all congratulated him for his great achievement.

Dr. Richard Weigel, the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission representative for the City of Hobart distributed the 2018 Annual Report from the SEAC and provided an overview on the activities of the SEAC including the 2019 Summit, the recent Employee Ethics Survey and the Candidate Ethics Action Pledge participation. He noted that Ethics training for Department Heads will be scheduled in late September this year and he thanked Hobart for participating in this important initiative.

Committee Reports: Mr. Vinzant thanked Mike Hannigan, Building Official, for participating in the Ordinance Committee discussions regarding the proposed ordinance for prevention of contractor tax fraud, stating it is very helpful to have input from staff as to procedures and possible issues that may arise with new legislation.

Department Reports: Nikki Lopez, Events Coordinator, stated the Summer Market started up last Thursday and was the largest opening day since the beginning of the market. She also reported on the Country Jam, thanking all the volunteers and the public safety officers for helping to make this event a great showcase for the Brickie Bowl. She noted the evacuation during the storm was carried out efficiently and the concert resumed after the storm passed. The downtown merchants also benefited as there were many restaurants who had to turn people away because they had no seating available.

Ms. Lopez stated the 4th of July parade will be re-routed this year due to the 3rd Street Bridge construction. The parade will start at the Hobart Middle School and go to Lincoln/Main Street to Old Ridge Road and will conclude near the Old Ridge Road and Washington Street intersection. The Summer Market will

also be held that afternoon/evening in Festival Park as part of the holiday celebration with fireworks scheduled at dark.

Police Chief Zormier reported that the lakefront patrols have started.

Bob Fulton, Assistant to the Mayor, stated the Canadian National Railroad will be repairing the crossing on Colorado Street just north of 69th Avenue sometime this year.

Mr. Snedecor stated the Board of Works awarded the contract for the Community Crossings grant paving projects but the paving cannot begin until the State issues approval which is expected sometime in August. He also noted the Public Works employees have been using the new paving equipment throughout the City, repairing and paving alleyways and other small areas as needed.

Kelly Goodpaster, Parks Director, stated the Community Pool opened on Saturday, June 1st and the Arts in the Parks program will begin very soon in a variety of parks throughout the City.

Mr. Vinzant requested possible information to urge Frontier to provide better customer service, allowing a customer to talk to a real person to report a service problem rather than only the automated service they now provide. Mr. Fulton suggested contacting the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to file a complaint and urge a requirement for a personalized option outside of the automated list.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Ordinance 2019-06: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2018-17 of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana to Expand the Range of Pay per Event for Community Center Bartender in the Park and Recreation Department for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2019: Kelly Goodpaster, Park Director: The Resolution was read. Ms. Goodpaster explained that this would provide a greater pay for the bartenders who are working longer events and the Park Board will determine the hourly schedule breakdown. There is no additional cost at this time for the renters to pay for bartending services for longer events, they pay only a flat fee per the event. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to pass Ordinance 2019-06 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

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Announcements: Mr. Snedecor asked if there were any announcements and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to adjourn the meeting. 6 Aye / 1 Nay (Huddleston) Motion carried. (6-1) The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


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