

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
July 1, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation although the remote access technology failed at some point during the meeting.

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

**Reading of the Minutes:** Mr. Vinzant noted that it is important that the public clearly state their name when addressing the Council as there were a few individuals who addressed the Council on June 17<sup>th</sup> who now show in the minutes as an unidentified individual. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Correspondence:** Mr. Snedecor stated Governor Holcomb held a news conference earlier today and announced the State would move to Phase 4.5 rather than Phase 5 of the Back on Track plan due to COVID-19 cases increasing in various areas throughout the state. This means that certain entertainment venues and large crowd gatherings are not permitted and the State will continue to review the data over the next two weeks. Mr. Snedecor also noted the state has begun a Mask Up Hoosiers campaign to encourage the wearing of masks to protect each other and help stop the spread of the virus.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Kopil stated the Sanitary/Stormwater District reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridge project is moving along and may be completed by mid-August or early September and Tim Kingsland will be conducting a public raingarden workshop July 16<sup>th</sup> in the raingarden behind City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Department Reports:** Fire Chief Smith stated that staffing is being addressed with a powershift beginning next week which allows 3 ambulances and/or the Quint in service with administrative staff being utilized to man some shifts.

Kelly Goodpaster, Park Director, noted the pool renovation bids are due on Monday and the playground installations will be taking place before the end of the year. She also noted the staff is getting ready for the LakeFront Fest scheduled for later in August. Mr. Vinzant noted that the Hobart Community Foundation will not be holding the Dam Duck Race this year.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Snedecor requested the Council consider adding Ordinance 2020-07 regarding Seizure Funds to their agenda this evening. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ordinance 2020-04 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Indiana Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana be Amended by Changing an established R-2 Zone to B-3 Zone Classification: Hobart Assembly of God, Inc., 7545 E. Ridge Rd., 5 acres: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Ordinance 2020-04 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

**Consideration and Approval of Capital Improvement Plan Update:** Due to technology issues, Mr. Fulton was not available telephonically to discuss this item. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to table consideration of the Capital Improvement Plan. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits:****SREIT LLC (formerly Indiana Land Becknell Investors LLC):**

6451 Northwind Parkway (Foremost Groups and Calpipe Industries): Real Property  
1851 Northwind Parkway (Sunbelt Rentals): Real Property

**Indiana Land Becknell Investors LLC:**

2101 Northwind Parkway (Lot 2-Replat #6) (Tenant: NB Coatings): Real Property

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

**Ordinance 2020-06: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart to Provide for Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities:** The first reading of the Ordinance was held. Mrs. Longer noted these items were discussed at the prior Council meeting from a memo by the Director of Development and pass on the actual increased expenses to petitioner. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to pass Ordinance 2020-06 on first reading. 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. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2020-06: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart to Provide for Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities:** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2020-06 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2020-07: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Hobart Municipal Code concerning Seizure Funds:** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to pass Ordinance 2020-07 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

**Ordinance 2020-07: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Hobart Municipal Code concerning Seizure Funds:** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to adopt Ordinance 2020-07 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Announcements:** Mr. Vinzant stated that the recent Financial Plan study provided by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors listed a number of items the City should be considering to address the deficits. Mr. Vinzant requested the City Attorney begin the paperwork process on a Wheel Tax as soon as possible to be able to meet this year's deadline and to look at other items to assure we are aware of any other deadlines. Mr. Wells stated he would like the opportunity to review the presentation and discuss other

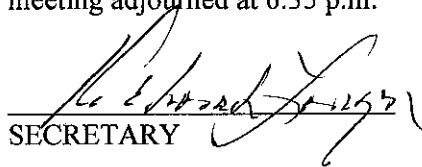
options at a future time. Mrs. Linger stated the Mayor and internal staff is also working through some of the items when considering budgets for next year and those will be presented to the Council in the future.

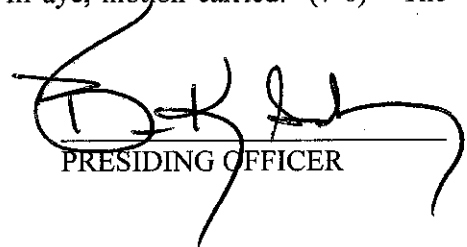
Mr. Waldrop noted the Council recently had discussed 7207 Colorado Street, a residence with a business use that the Council permitted until April 1<sup>st</sup> after the BZA had denied the use. Ms. McCarthy stated she had been in contact with the owner's attorney who stated there is no business being conducted at the property but the neighboring residents state otherwise and she is following up with Code Enforcement.

Mr. Kopil requested an update on the Marco Tamayo property at 7197 Mississippi St.. Ms. McCarthy stated a cease and desist notice was issued and the City will go on the property to clean it up and improve the drainage issues if the owner does not comply timely. In addition, a lien will be placed on the property for the costs the City incurs and further proceedings will be filed in City Court for ordinance violations.

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone on the phone or in person who wished to address the Council and there was no additional response.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER