

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
July 7, 2021**

Call to Order: Councilman Waldrop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence and asked the public to keep in their thoughts the family of Councilman Matt Claussen and City Employee Jeff Claussen whose father, Bob Claussen, passed away earlier this 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 and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Claussen, Mr. Maggio, and Mayor Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

Recognition: Councilman Wells presented a certificate of appreciation to Gene Dukes, explaining that Mr. Dukes jumped into action when a neighbor, Ray Killion, suffered a heart attack and fell into the lake behind his home. Mr. Dukes pulled Mr. Killion from the lake and began CPR until the EMT's arrived. Mr. Killion passed away 3 days later with his family by his side. The Council, public and Mrs. Killion thanked Mr. Dukes for his actions.

Mr. Kopil arrives.

Correspondence: Mr. Vinzant mentioned the Assessor's quarterly report received by the City and sent to the Council showing properties who had filed appeals to their A.V. Mrs. Longer stated she had not had a chance to review it closely and the Department of Development is also reviewing it for properties in the TIF districts or with tax abatement.

Committee Reports: Mr. Waldrop stated the State Board of Accounts Entrance Meeting was held for the 2020 Audit which is underway.

Department Reports: There were no department reports.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Waldrop stated the following items were forwarded by the Plan Commission and BZA to be added to the agenda: Use Variance at 1741 W. Old Ridge Rd., and an Amendment to a PUD at the SW corner of Lincoln Highway and Dakota St.. It was noted that the Petitioner for the PUD has also requested this item be added then tabled for consideration at a future meeting. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

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

New Business:

Annual Update of Capital Improvement Plan: Bob Fulton distributed an updated CIP, stating this is revised with some projects from the old plan being completed and new projects being added. Motion by

Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun to table this item until the July 21, 2021 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2021-16: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning Business Licensing: The Ordinance was read. Attorney McCarthy stated this was discussed at the Ordinance Committee meeting and revised to be based on a flat fee. Discussion followed as to whether the intent was to regulate the business or the place of business, noting that some businesses may have more than 1 location or may be under the same Tax ID Number and should only need 1 license. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to remove this item from the agenda and send it back to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2021-17: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 Budget of the General Fund, Building Department and Law Department in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to pass Ordinance 2021-17 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2021-17: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 Budget of the General Fund, Building Department and Law Department in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The second reading of the ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Request for a Use Variance: to allow a proposed multi-use office/professional space at 1741 W. Old Ridge Rd., zoned R-2, 0.11 acre: The BZA forwarded a favorable recommendation with the following conditions: To only allow professional office uses of architects, artists, engineers, insurance agents and brokers, lawyers, musicians and realtors and that other uses will need to receive approval from the Board, to post signage indicating the end of the business parking area and receive Board of Works approval for future maintenance for the right of way parking area. Ross Pietrzak stated this building was a beauty shop for a number of years and the BZA would have to approve another use variance if uses other than those listed were to be considered. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the Use Variance with the conditions as recommended by the BZA. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Parcels of Real Estate within an Established PUD Zoning Classification to a New PUD Zoning Classification: SW corner of Lincoln Highway and Dakota St., Zoned PUD, 2.41 acres: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to table Ordinance 2021-18 at Petitioner's request. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Announcements

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER