

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 4, 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. 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. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Department Reports: MRC Director Aimee Schallenkamp distributed flyers and invited the public to the Bar Bingo fundraiser for the MRC to be held at Moose Lodge on August 14th. Doors open at 5pm, Bingo starts at 7pm. A bake sale will also be held.

City Engineer Phil Gralik stated the Community Crossings application has been submitted for reconstruction projects of Delaware St. behind Veteran's Elementary School and 3rd St. from Wisconsin to Ash St. We should be notified of status within 6 weeks.

Mr. Snedecor noted that Milestone (formerly Walsh & Kelly) have begun the paving in the City beginning on the east side. A list of the paving projects will be sent to the Council.

Correspondence: Mr. Vinzant noted the Lake County Assessor sent an email stating the Assessment Appeal for the Crossings of Hobart (north side of US 30) was denied and the assessor's figures were affirmed. She also noted the petitioners may appeal the decision.

Committee Reports: Mr. Waldrop stated the Health Insurance committee met and reviewed the current use and noted the insurance claims are running as expected. Early indications in health care costs show that there will be an 8% to 9% increase in the next year.

Mr. Huddlestun noted he has scheduled an Ordinance Committee meeting for Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. If any Councilmen have something they would like to add to the agenda to discuss, please contact him.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Huddlestun requested Ordinance 2021-22 regarding truck parking near residential areas be added to the agenda. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Public Input: With the consensus of the Council, Mr. Snedecor asked if anyone would like to come forward to address the Council:

Dorinne Richardson, 116 N. County Line Rd., requested information about the interlocal agreement for County Line Road and expressed concerns regarding the lack of parking in front of her home should this project advance. City Engineer Phil Gralik explained that the interlocal is to move forward on the right-of-way acquisition needed for the project but the project has lost the current federal funding due to the letting dates not being met and significant design changes will be taking place in the project, shifting the road to the east and possibly adding the culvert work into the project. He stated the current plan would see construction in 2027-2030 but while we have current appraisals for right-of-way, it is prudent to move forward

with the acquisition so as not to have to have it reappraised in 5 years at potentially a higher cost.

Fred Williams, Park Superintendent of the Hobart Township Trustee's Office, was present with some of the office staff and Township Board member Sue Pelfrey and stated that he was made aware that there was some concern expressed about the ability of the Township to continue to provide services due to some recent issues with the Township Trustee. Mr. Williams stated the office and staff of Hobart Township will continue to provide great service and if anyone has any questions to please contact him or Mrs. Pelfrey.

Erica McCauley and Robb Zimmerman presented a petition they are circulating to recommend the removal of Township Trustee Thomas Silich from office, citing 10 items that indicate mental and/or physical incapacitation and conduct unbecoming an elected official. Ms. McCauley stated these petitions are being distributed at various locations and will be presented to the Circuit Court. She noted that 25 signatures are needed from Hobart Township residents but they are hoping to get many more. Mr. Zimmerman stated he would like to see 1,000 signatures and said he hopes to have the petition filed with the Court and a final decision made no later than November 1st.

Jim Sikora, a resident of County Line Road, questioned the recent installation of subsurface drainage by County Line Orchard on the Porter County side of County Line Rd., east of the Kraft Farm and wondered if the City had entered into an interlocal for this drainage work as it ultimately drains into the ditch and under County Line Rd. into the culvert. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated there was no interlocal for this work and agricultural property has different regulations regarding drainage. He noted that Porter County was not aware of the installation of this system and there is little the City can do to stop the discharge of clean water. Mr. Sikora referred to the SEH Stormwater Study done in August 2015 stating concerns about surface water but does not address the additional sub-surface water being collected and pumped into the drainage ditches. Mr. Snedecor asked that the Stormwater Board meet with both the Lake and Porter County Drainage Boards and possible the Army Corps of Engineers to determine if permits had been issued and what further design modifications needs to be made to accommodate the stormwater run-off.

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2021-18 (2nd Reading): 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: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2021-18 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

New Business:

Consideration of Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Hobart, Indiana and Porter County Indiana for the reconstruction of County Line Road from US 6 to Cleveland Avenue: The interlocal was read. Mr. Vinzant questioned whether the issues with the drainage plans should be included in this interlocal. Mr. Waldrop and City Engineer Phil Gralik stated this would be a separate issue and the interlocal deals with the road project and allows us to proceed with the acquisition of right-of-way. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Wells, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Porter County for the reconstruction of County Line Road as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2021-20: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 budget of the General Fund: Board of Works Department in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to pass Ordinance 2021-20 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of Ordinance 2021-20. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2021-20: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 budget of the General Fund: Board of Works Department in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The second reading of the ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2021-21: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-14 of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Lake County Indiana, to establish a new position in the Building Department and Fixing the Salaries for such position for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021: The Ordinance was read. Mrs. Longer explained that this adds the position of FOG Inspector to the Building Department as was anticipated when the Council added regulations for FOG permits earlier in the year. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to pass Ordinance 2021-21 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2021-22: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning Large Trucks, Trailers or Other Vehicles with a Gross Weight in Excess of 11,000 Pounds Parking on or Near Districts Zoned Residential: The Ordinance was read. Mr. Huddlestun stated this would move trucks further away from residential areas so as not to disturb neighborhoods and is a result of complaints that have been received about truck parking and idling near homes. City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated trucks are prohibited from parking in R-1, R-2 and R-3 zones but there are no restrictions about adjacent areas. Mitch Frankowski, a resident from Shelby St., stated he had this issue with trucks behind the Paragon and the banquet hall, adjacent to his property. He noted he does not have a problem with trucks related to a business operating in the area but it should not turn into a truck stop for overnight or extended parking. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to pass Ordinance 2021-22 on first reading. Discussion followed as Mr. Kopil questioned whether the 200' distance from residential property was a sufficient amount. Mr. Pietrzak and Attorney McCarthy stated this seemed to be a reasonable distance in keeping with other provisions of the Municipal Code. Further discussion followed regarding various neighborhoods and how this ordinance would impact certain businesses. Mr. Claussen withdrew his motion and Mr. Kopil withdrew his second to the motion. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to send this Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion. 6 Aye: Kopil, Maggio, Vinzant, Wells, Claussen, Waldrop / 1 Nay: Huddlestun. Motion carried. (6-1)

Announcements: The Ordinance Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Wells announced that Izaak Walton will be conducting a roadside clean-up of 49th Avenue to Liverpool Road on Saturday, August 21st. He also stated he is collecting school supplies for Hobart School students. Supplies may be dropped off at any of the 4 Hobart firehouses and he will distribute to the appropriate schools for use by the teachers and students.

Mr. Kopil reminded the public of the MRC Bar Bingo Fundraiser at the Moose Lodge on August 14th as mentioned earlier this evening.

Mr. Snedecor stated the American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation for the 1st year has been received by the City and he would like to present a plan for use to the Council at the next meeting to begin the process of the additional appropriations that will be needed to spend any of the funds. The Council, by consensus, agreed to consider the plan to move the process forward.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



SECRETARY



PRESIDING OFFICER