

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 18, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Chief Zormier announced that K-9 Mojo is ready for retirement. He has had some health issues that are now under control with the help of his handler Sgt. Williams. The Police Department purchased a black Labrador named Gibson who is going to be added to the force. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the retirement of Mojo and add Gibson to the force. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Councilman Mark Kopil sent an email that was read into the record. The email was requesting the placement of banners of past and present Veteran's along 61st Ave. Mark will work with the City on the costs of the arms for the light posts and will be following up with the Mayor. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the banners of the Veteran's along 61st Ave. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor requested that the settlement agreement and release for the City of Hobart vs. Rogers be added. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continued: Request for Demolition: re: 1317 South Lake Park: Jeremy Ogden: Jeremy Ogden, stated that all parties have been served via certified mail or in person. Jeremy has received 5 demo proposals and the bid from C. Lee has been the lowest at \$14,700.00. There is also a dead tree that will need to be removed from the property. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to authorize the Mayor to move forward with the demolition at the lowest bid with the tree removal added. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Discussion: re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: Mrs. Longer mentioned that the Council will be receiving the budget for consideration of salaries for 2022 at their meeting this evening. More information was received from other police departments as well. The other neighboring departments policies are being taken into consideration on this matter. Mr. Lain spoke with our Garage Mechanic, Johnny VanVleet regarding the cost for the maintenance being done on the cars which plays a role for this decision as well. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to table this matter to the September 1, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Consideration of Sharing of Costs between HSD and City to upgrade ESRI License from ARC GIS online to Enterprise: City Engineer, Phil Gralik and MS4 Coordinator Tim Kingsland was present in person. Phil gave an update that the software was compatible with the Building Department. Funds to start up will be \$48,500.00 and then with the 60/40 Civic City split with 60% from HSD. The yearly maintenance and licensing will be \$18,500.00. Discussion followed as to possibly getting and in house IT person to handle the software updates, etc. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to approve sharing the costs between HSD (60%) and the City (40%) to upgrade ESRI License from ARC GIS Online to Enterprise and asking the HSD to partner with the City to create an internal IT structure. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance Grantor's Warranty Deed for Reserved Easement, re: Colorado Street Project, Parcel 1: Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to accept the Grantor's Warranty Deed for Reserved Easement for the Colorado St. Project, Parcel 1 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Change Orders #16-19: 3rd/Center St. Streetscape: Brandon Towle (BF&S): Brandon was present and provided an update on orders 16-19 to close out the contracts. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve change orders #16-19 for the total cost of \$86,708.61. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Signing of Mylars: 1-lot subdivision (Southlake Industrial Park) located south of the SW corner of Lincoln Highway & Dakota St, zoned PUD, 2.41 acres: Attorney Mark Anderson: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the signing of the mylars for the 1-lot subdivision (Southlake Industrial Park) located south of the SW corner of Lincoln Highway & Dakota St, zoned PUD, 2.41 acres as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

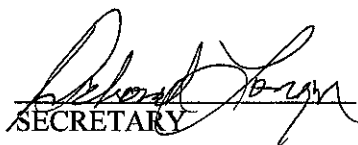
Request for Access Easement: NIPSCO re: S. Wisconsin Street (extended): Phil Gralik, P.E.: Phil stated that he has not yet received any documents from NIPSCO on this matter. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the request for access of easement pending the approval of the City Engineer. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

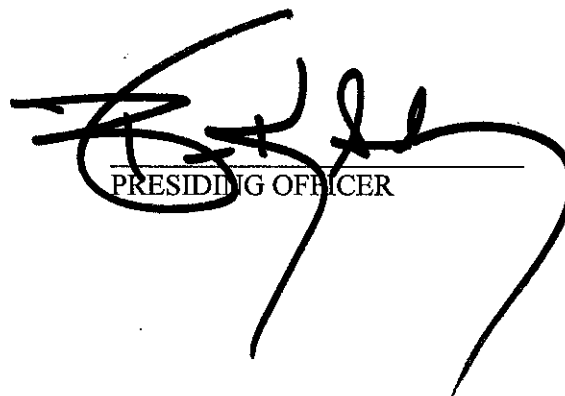
Settlement agreement: Rogers vs. COH/Gonzalez: Attorney McCarthy provided an update on this matter that it was settled and did not need to go to trial. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the settlement agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute same. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements:

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:31p.m.


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