

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 19, 2022**

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. Huddleston, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Present telephonically: Mr. Vinzant and City Attorney McCarthy. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Recognition: The Council recognized and congratulated the Hobart Middle School "We the People" Class for their achievements, winning 1st Place at Regionals and participating in the state competitions, with one team taking 1st Place at State. Ms. Hairston's Middle School class was present and introduced themselves to the Council. Mr. Wells stated these are truly the future leaders and Ms. Hairston stated the future is in good hands with these students.

Jake Dammarell, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, presented the City with a shadow box of the Third St. Bridge project, showing photos from ground-breaking to ribbon cutting. He noted the ACEC presented an Honor Award for Excellence in Engineering to BF&S for this project and it is in competition for the Grand Prize Award to be announced in April.

Correspondence: Cancellation of Warrants: Ms. Longer presented a list of old outstanding checks more than two (2) years old and stated that in accordance with IC 5-11-10.5, these warrants are now cancelled with the funds being returned to the original fund where issued.

Mr. Snedecor noted the acquisition of the Air Quality Ultraviolet Purifiers recently purchased for the Council Chambers, City Court, MRC Building, Public Works breakroom and C-T areas along with a larger, portable unit to quickly purify larger areas with a greater concentration of public attendance. He noted these units were purchased as part of the upgrading of city buildings with the ARPA Federal Recovery Act funds.

Committee Reports: Mr. Kopil and Mr. Fulton announced the Hobart Sanitary District Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 25th in the Council Chambers at 6:30pm regarding the Preliminary Engineering Report to obtain assistance from the WW State Revolving Fund Loan Program. Ms. Longer noted the information and the PER is available on the City's website at the bottom of the main page.

Mr. Kopil stated that at the Working Conditions subcommittee meeting it was discussed that there had been an excessive number of calls the City was covering for Lake Station. Brian DeGrauwe, FF Union Representative, stated the numbers he had showed there were 206 calls in 2021 and for the first 2 weeks of 2022, there had already been 30 calls to Lake Station. Discussion followed as to what was considered Mutual Aid and how to control the number of responses. Mayor Snedecor stated he will verify the numbers and discuss the concerns with the Fire Chief and the Lake Station Mayor.

Mayor Snedecor introduced two new appointments to fill Department Head positions: Garrett Ciszewski, Acting Police Chief and Karen Hansen, Building Official. The Council welcomed them.

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

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2022-01: *(2nd Reading)* An Ordinance of the Common Council Authorizing the City of Hobart, Indiana, to Issue One or More Series of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in respect thereto: Director of Development Beth Jacobson had requested in a memo that the Council table further action on this Ordinance until the Development Agreement is finalized. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to Table Ordinance 2022-01. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

New Business:

Ordinance 2022-02: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning the Submission Requirements for Bidders on City Public Works Projects and Responsible Bidder Determination: The Ordinance was read. City Attorney McCarthy noted that this clarified the requirement for the apprenticeship program. She also stated that the resolutions regarding the responsible bidder requirements for projects receiving abatement incentives referred back to this Ordinance and would not need to be amended. Discussion followed regarding Certified Payroll and Attorney McCarthy stated this was on a calendar year and included language to allow the requirement. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Huddleston to pass Ordinance 2022-02 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, 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)

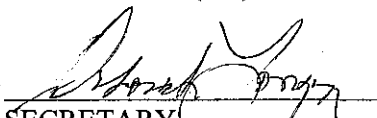
Ordinance 2022-02: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning the Submission Requirements for Bidders on City Public Works Projects and Responsible Bidder Determination: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Huddleston, to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

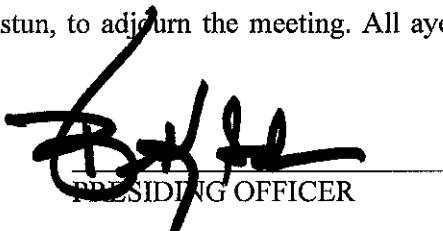
Announcements: Mr. Kopil asked if there should be Council action regarding the proposed legislative changes to the Personal Property Taxes being considered by the State Legislature. Mr. Claussen recapped the presentation by Baker Tilly given at the Redevelopment Commission meeting this morning, stating there is still a great deal of discussion regarding the bill and various scenarios show differing impacts to the TIF Districts and to the Civil City as a whole. Ms. Longer stated as AIM updates the City of the legislative process, the Council will be updated and informed as to when and if a call to action is needed.

Brian DeGrauwe, FF Union Representative stated the Union is hoping to begin contract negotiations with the City next month and thanked the Fire Department staff for all of their efforts in meeting the service needs of the City. He noted that 2 new lateral EMT hires were recently sworn in by the City, both from the South Haven Fire Department, and they will begin their Paramedic training soon.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Huddleston, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER