

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
February 16, 2022**

Call to Order: President ProTem Claussen 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. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mr. Huddlestun and Mayor Snedecor Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Correspondence: There was no Correspondence.

Committee Reports: There were no Committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Claussen requested the addition of Ordinance 2022-06 regarding Amending the Municipal Code concerning restrictions to minimum areas of residential buildings. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Ordinance 2022-04: An Ordinance Vacating an Unimproved Platted ROW and Alley and Granting of Drainage & Utility Easements within the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: re: 40' unimproved platted Pennsylvania Ave. right-of-way and 15' of unimproved platted alley at NE corner of Colorado St. & 40th Ave.: The Ordinance was read. Mr. Vinzant stated the Plan Commission issued a favorable recommendation with no conditions. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve Ordinance 2022-04 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

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Ordinance 2022-05: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2022 Budget of the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Ordinance 2022-05 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Ordinance 2022-05: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2022 Budget of the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-05 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code concerning Restrictions to the Minimum Area of Residential Buildings: The Ordinance was read. Attorney McCarthy noted that clarification was needed to address the residential building requirements in both the zoning and building sections of the Municipal Code to avoid conflicts. Repealing Section 150.010 of the Building Code, enacted in 1960 for aesthetic purposes with no bearing on the safety issues, will reduce the conflicts and the zoning ordinance amendments to clarify the requirements will be presented to the Plan Commission and the Council in the near future. City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated this change allows for more flexibility when working with the developers in the future. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve Ordinance 2022-06 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code concerning Restrictions to the Minimum Area of Residential Buildings: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Announcements: Randy Hall, Cressmoor Development, stated they are finishing up on the Development Agreement and hope to have it to the Council very soon. He asked for information as to the next steps needed to move the development forward. Mr. Claussen asked that he discuss this with the City Attorney after the meeting and she would direct him as to the process.

Mr. Kopil thanked Building Official Karen Hansen for her reaching out to a developer who had left debris in the roadway along Harms Road. He noted the problem was handled very efficiently and effectively by the Building Dept.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (6-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER