

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 3, 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: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant (remote), Mr. Wells and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mr. Claussen. Also present: Mr. Snedecor, City Attorney McCarthy, and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Correspondence: Hobart JROTC Fundraiser for Hobart Food Pantry: Lauren Cicillian from the JROTC was present and provided the Council information for participating in the March 14th Fundraiser to be held at the High School Fieldhouse from 10am-5pm. She asked the Council to share the information with family and friends.

Mr. Snedecor announced that City Buildings will reopen to the public on March 15th. City Hall will be open 8am-4pm and the other buildings as usual. Masks will still be required and zoom meetings may still be held but the public is invited to attend in person within the social distancing guidelines required.

Mr. Snedecor announced that Emily SeDoris was presented the Billy Fortner Award for her positive mental attitude and spirit of cooperation with all departments within the City.

Department Reports: Aimee Schallenkamp, MRC Director, stated the MRC will be opening on March 15th with the hours of 8am-3pm, Monday – Friday. She noted that protocols will be in place in accordance with CDC guidelines including masks required, temperatures being taken daily and limiting the number attending at any one time. She stated there will be no food served but certain activities will resume with the proper social distancing requirements being met.

Nikki Lopez, Events Director, stated the Event Season has been approved by the Lake County Health Department and May 27th is the first scheduled Market Day. Plans for the Country Jam are being finalized with limited attendance being permitted due to the ongoing pandemic concerns.

Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated the intersection of 10th and Lincoln St. will be closed for 2-3 days as NIPSCO relocates a gas main and the water company moves water lines. This is to get ready for the turn-lane addition being completed by INDOT on south-bound Lincoln St.

Kelly Smith, Public Works Director, stated MVH is 80% complete with clearing limbs from stop sign areas throughout the City; Randy Thomas, 18-year employee of the City, retired last week; and the Department is working on putting together an auction sometime this spring.

Jeremy Ogden, Building Official, stated there are 3 streetlights being replaced on 61st Avenue and they are working on repairing other lights on Cleveland Ave. and on Rt. 6. He also noted that Ian Drive lights will be in service within 10 days.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Request for Use Variance: to permit a proposed climate-controlled storage facility and outdoor storage for RV's & boats at 7305 Grand Blvd. located 1,300' north from the Northeast corner of Grand Blvd. & 73rd Ave. Sec. 154.133, zoned B-1, 2acres: Alka Properties/Mitre Kutanovski: Ross Pietrzak, City Planner stated the site plan has not yet been filed. This item remains on the table.

Tabled: Ordinance 2020-29 (First Reading): An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning Golf Carts, Authorizing the Use of Golf Carts and Recreational Off-Road Vehicles on the Streets and Alleys of the City of Hobart Under Specified Conditions: This item remains on the table.

Ordinance 2021-02 (Second Reading): An Ordinance Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart be Amended by Changing an Established R-2 Zone & B-3 Zone to a PBP (Planned Business Park) Zone Classification: W of Clay, S of US 30, N of 83rd Ave.: Attorney James Wieser and Jim Sapp, Rise Commercial Districts: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Mr. Huddlestun asked for clarification regarding questions posed by residents that were not addressed at the Plan Commission. Mr. Vinzant stated that most of the questions were with regard to the site plan and not the rezone but the questions were considered by the Plan Commission and strict rules will apply to the storage uses at the facility. Mr. Snedecor stated the Plan Commission issued a favorable recommendation with no conditions for this rezone by unanimous vote. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

Ordinance 2021-03 (Second Reading): An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 Budget of the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (6-0)

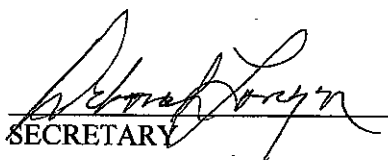
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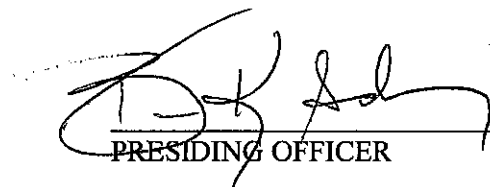
STATE OF THE CITY REPORT: 2020: A video presentation of the State of the City report was provided by the Mayor and will be made available as a link on the City's website at www.cityofhobart.org.

Announcements:

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (6-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER