

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 16, 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. 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. Wells, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: Mrs. Longer reported the State has reallocated the remaining unclaimed ARP funds in the amount of \$798,000 to those qualified Cities and Towns and Hobart will receive just under \$12,000 of those funds.

Committee Reports: Mr. Huddlestun stated the Park Dept. will be installing sunshades at Hillman Park this spring.

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

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Consideration of Revised SB-1: Cressmoor Estates Tax Abatement

Now included with RESOLUTION 2022-05: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Amended Development Agreement between the City of Hobart, Hobart Sanitary District, Hobart Storm Water Management Department and Cressmoor Development, LLC, Cressmoor Financial, LLC, and D.R. Horton, Inc. – Midwest: Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Claussen to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried.(7-0) Mrs. Longer stated the Tax Abatement information is included within the Development Agreement so the Resolution would cover the revised SB-1. The Resolution was read. Derrick Hoffman and Randy Hall were present. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Resolution 2022-05 as presented. Discussion followed with the Mayor and Mr. Horton thanking the staff and attorneys for the diligent efforts toward this development agreement. Mr. Snedecor called for a roll call vote. Aye: Huddlestun, Maggio, Vinzant, Wells, Claussen, Waldrop / Nay: Kopil. Motion carried. (6 Aye/1 Nay)

New Business:

Request for 1-year Extension of Use Variance: for the laydown yard and temporary construction trailers, Sec. 154.042, located SE of the 61st Ave. & Wisconsin St. roundabout, zoned R-1, 2.72 acres: Josh Elmer/NPL Construction Co.: The BZA forwarded a favorable recommendation to this request. Mr. Elmer was present and stated they are hoping to complete the project by October of this year. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to grant a 1-year extension for the Use Variance as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, be Amended by Changing an Established R-1 Zone to an R-3 Zone Classification:

Approx. 400' west from the NW corner of 61st Ave. & Arizona St., 15.63 acres +/-; Steiner Homes LTD, Attorney Todd Leeth, Hoepfner Wagner & Evans LLP.: The Ordinance was read. Attorney Leeth was present and Mr. Snedecor noted the Plan Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation with no conditions. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve Ordinance 2022-07 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2022-08: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2022 Budget of the General Fund, Law Department in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana. The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Ordinance 2022-08 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

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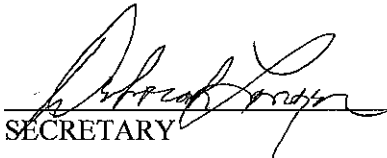
Announcements: Mr. Kopil requested consideration of creating rules to limit the time for individual public comments during public hearings or a comment period. Mr. Vinzant also noted that signs being waved during the meetings are a distraction and disrespectful to those speaking and should be limited or not permitted in the meeting room. Discussion followed regarding whether uniform rules are needed for all Boards and Commissions and the need to be consistent when permitting public discussion. Attorney McCarthy and the staff will look into the laws and will gather additional information from other entities.

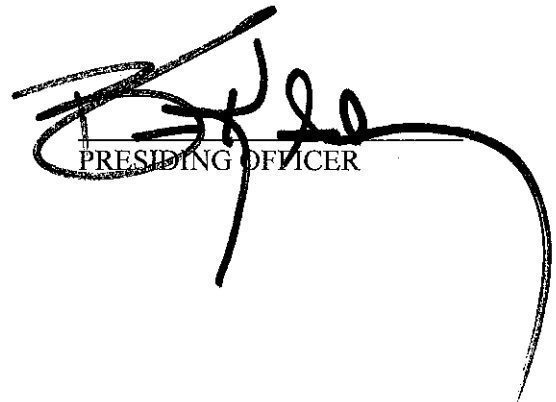
Mr. Snedecor noted that Nothing Bundt Cakes will be opening on US30 at the former Helzberg Diamonds site in the near future and Chipolte's will be building at the former Don Pablo's site. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that Harbor Freight will be opening in the area between Office Depot and Shoe Carnival and Raising Cane will be opening at the former TGIFriday's site.

Mr. Maggio thanked the Police Dept. for taking care of the issue at Main Street Auto with cars being parked across the sidewalk.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER