

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 6, 2022**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Recognition: Mr. Huddlestun introduced the River Forest Wrestling Team Head Coach Mark Hidalgo. Mr. Huddlestun cited several achievements that have been accomplished throughout Coach Hidalgo's coaching career. Coach Hidalgo has a record of 70-6. River Forest School Board President Steve Kissel stated that Coach Hidalgo brought this program back up to what it is now as it was about to fold a few years ago. Many other School Board members were also present. Coach Hidalgo thanked the Council and the Mayor for the recognition.

Proclamation: Mr. Snedecor read a Proclamation naming April 4-8, 2022 as the "Week of the Young Child" and presented it to DeAnn Jennette of the Early Learning Center. Mr. Snedecor stated that he got together with Dr. Buffington and went to the ELC and did bubbles with the kids as they do every year. Ms. Jennette thanked the City and Council for the proclamation, stating it takes an entire community to care for the kids.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Department Reports: City Engineer Phil Gralik gave an update on the 2020 Community Crossings Project. He stated that this includes the widening of Delaware from Home to Cleveland and the reconstruction of 3rd St from Wisconsin to Ash. Due to the Indiana bat laws, the trees must come down within a certain timeframe. The 3rd St project will be done in 2 phases where there will be one way traffic at that time. The widening of Delaware will be done in May. Phil stated that Frontier was moving their utilities on the Wisconsin St. Bridge and the County is confident that they will get the bid done this year and construction will start this fall.

Fire Chief Randy Smith invited the Council out to view some live fire training on Friday morning at the MACC. It was mentioned that they were doing some dive training at Robinson Lake and that they were called out to Deep River to help look for a missing woman.

Public Works Director Kelly Smith announced that they will be unveiling the 4 new alternate fuel trucks at Public Works next Tuesday morning. The trucks will be delivered on Friday and are financed at 80% with a grant through NIRPC.

Chief Ciszewski stated that the Police Department took possession of 4 Dodge Durangos, purchased with seizure funds, and have been upfitted to Natural Gas. The fuel efficiency is about 90% of what it was on regular gas. The cost is about \$0.99 per gallon as opposed to the rising gasoline prices. These cars also give off 30-50% less carbon dioxide footprint. The cars are getting upfitted with the police decals and such. Chief Ciszewski stated that they hope to have one of them at Public Works on Tuesday to showcase along with the new trucks.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

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

Unfinished Business:

Ordinance 2022-07 (2nd Reading): 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 second reading of the Ordinance was held. Attorney Leeth was present. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddleston, to approve Ordinance 2022-07 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

New Business:

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program considerations: The opening remarks to the Public Hearing were read into the record. Mr. Snedecor opened Public Hearing for comment. After calling three times and with no comments offered, he closed the public hearing.

Affirmative Action Program: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to adopt the Affirmative Action Program as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Section 3 Understanding: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Section 3 Understanding as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Resolution 2022-06: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor of the City of Hobart, Indiana to submit a project proposal for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2022: The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to adopt Resolution 2022-06 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

STATE OF THE CITY 2021: Mayor Snedecor and the Department Heads presented a slideshow of the information as the State of the City report (slides attached).

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER