

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 1, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Longer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. Lain and Mrs. Longer. Absent: Mayor Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: Police Chief Ciszewski approached the Board for a determination on the pay status of Officer D'Andre Spears who was placed on Administrative Paid Leave on May 25, 2022 pending an investigation into theft/fraud and official misconduct allegations. The Lake County Prosecutor has filed the charges of four (4) counts Fraud, a Level 6 Felony. Mr. Spears was present in person at the meeting. Attorney McCarthy recommended Mr. Spears be placed on unpaid Administrative leave and that payroll funds be held in a separate account until a disposition or resolution has been made on the pending charges. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to place Officer D'Andre Spears on Unpaid Administrative Leave and hold the payroll funds he would have been paid in a separate account pending disposition and resolution of the charges filed in this case. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continued: Request for Approval of Concrete Replacement on City property: re: rear of 322 Main St.: Joe Kenjic: No one was present for this matter. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the June 15, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Property issues: Cagney's and NW corner of Third and Main St. re: 236 Main St., Nick Karounos: Mr. Karounos was present telephonically. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that permits are waiting to get pulled and the work to get started. Mr. Karounos stated that he is waiting on the switch gearbox to come in which has been on backorder and should be in at the beginning of August and mentioned that he will be pulling permits early next week. Building Official Karen Hansen stated that a new report from a structural engineer is needed to get an updated status of the structure. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to set this for review at the June 15, 2022 meeting and to have all contracts with a timeline for the work to be done as well as an updated report from the structural engineer. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Consideration for Bond Reduction: Cressmoor Estates, Phase 1: Randy Hall: Mr. Hall was present for this matter. Mrs. Longer stated that the signed and recorded development agreement has been received but the reimbursement agreement has not been received. City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that the current performance bond is for \$120,000 and recommended a 2-year maintenance bond be in

place as is required. The maintenance bond would need to be in the amount of \$74,055.00. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the June 15, 2022 meeting to allow time to get the Reimbursement Agreement in place along with the Maintenance Bond. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Consideration of Annual Renewal of Sidewalk Dining: Montego Bay Grille: 322 Main St.: No one was present for this matter. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the June 15, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Request for "No Left Turn" sign: Dairy Queen: Mark Kopil: Chief Ciszewski stated that he is still working with the State to come to a resolution for this matter. He is hoping to have more answers before the next meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the June 15, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Continued: Consideration for Outdoor Dining: The Caribbean on Lake George: 438 E. 4th St.: Gladys Ramirez: No one was present for this matter. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the June 15, 2022 meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to remove trees from easement: re: 7722 Bracken Pk.: Cynthia Hernandez: Mrs. Hernandez was present. She stated that this tree is a safety hazard as the roots are above the ground and buckling the sidewalk. Mr. Lain stated he was there last week as well as today to look at the tree and said he didn't see too much damage to the sidewalk. The City Arborist stated that tree was not dead, dying, or deceased and recommended that if the homeowner wishes to remove the tree at their own expense they can do so. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the request of the homeowner for them to remove the tree at their own expense. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Request for Block Party: Cypress Lane, July 3rd, 4pm-11pm: Shannon Howerton-Markusic: 2843 Cypress Ln.: Ms. Markusic was present in person. She stated that the road would be blocked off from 2752-2843 Cypress Lane. Police Chief Ciszewski stated he spoke with Ms. Markusic and advised her that the road will need to be open enough for emergency vehicles to get through if needed. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the block party between 2752-2843 Cypress Ln. on July 3, 2022 from 4pm – 11pm as requested. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Professional Services Agreement: Engineering & Design of Bathroom Addition at Festival Park, Shive-Hattery Inc.: Kelly Goodpaster: Attorney McCarthy stated that contract is in good order and recommends approval. Mrs. Longer stated that the bathrooms are being done as part of the American Recovery Plan Act funding and have been considered by the Park Board. The engineering and design contract is for an amount not to exceed \$61,880.00. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement for the bathrooms at Festival Park as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Change Order #1: 3rd Street CCMG Project - Lighting Conduit: First Group: Phil Gralik: City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that this Change Order is to put the lighting conduit back into the contract. The pricing came in at \$48,830.00 but Phil stated that there have been savings in the contract so the pricing will be less than that amount. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve Change Order #1 for the 3rd Street CCMG Project as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Fireworks for 4th of July: Johnny Rockets: Nikki Lopez: Attorney McCarthy recommended that this contract be turned over to the legal department and the Mayor to negotiate and finalize terms before the

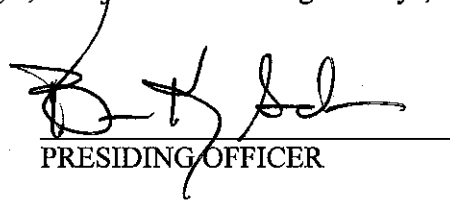
Board takes action. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to turn this contract over to the Mayor and the legal department to work out the details of the contract. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Announcements: Mrs. Longer stated that the City will be busy this weekend as the Summer Market starts on Thursday in Festival Park and the Country Jam will be on Friday and Saturday in the Brickie Bowl.

Mrs. Longer asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER