

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 7, 2023**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence. The meeting was held with the building open to the public. The call-in number for the zoom connection was available and listed on the agenda and the website.

Roll Call: The following members were present in person: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Wells and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mr. Vinzant and Mr. Claussen. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer and City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Correspondence: TIF Allocation Capture Notices payable in 2024 and RDC Resolutions regarding same were provided to the Council. Development Director Beth Jacobson stated the capturing of these funds will be used for bond payments and projects in the various TIF districts.

Mayor Snedecor stated that INDOT is beginning construction on I-65 NB lanes and will be closing the ramps at US30, 61st Ave., and Ridge Rd./37th Ave. on June 10th. They expect to reopen the ramps at US30 and 61st Avenue by June 28th but the Ridge Road ramp will be closed until late October. Mr. Kopil asked that the City reach out to INDOT to provide information for emergency vehicle access if needed.

Committee Reports: Mr. Huddlestun set an Ordinance Committee meeting for Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers to discuss the draft Fire Inspection Ordinance.

Mr. Kopil stated the HSD at their last meeting was informed the Force Main Project was 18% complete.

Department Reports: Mr. Snedecor thanked all the departments who worked to help make the Country Jam in Brickie Bowl a success. He noted the Fire Department had been involved earlier this week in the rescue of a construction worker who had fallen in a manhole and thanked the neighboring rescue teams for their assistance.

Building Official Karen Hansen stated the demolition of 5 unsafe buildings will begin very soon.

City Engineer Phil Gralik stated the TRAX project over the RR on Colorado Street has been moved to a July letting with construction to begin in March, 2024.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Waldrop, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance providing that the Zoning Ordinance be Amended by Amending the Preliminary Plan for Certain Parcels of Real Estate in an Established PUD (M-1) Zoning Classification

and Consolidating the Zoning for said Real Estate in a PUD (M-1) Zoning Classification: re: 2400 E. 69th Ave., 800' east of the NE corner of 69th Ave. and Mississippi St., +/- 48 acres: Atkore: David Chang: Becknell Industrial: Paul Thurston: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-09 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution Designating a Certain Area within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of Real and Personal Property Tax Abatements: re: Lineage Logistics, 2201 Northwind Parkway. The Resolution was read. Brigette Green, Sr. Manager representing the developer stated this project involves a 185,000 sq. ft. addition and will increase the workforce by 90 employees over the next two years. Development Director Beth Jacobson stated this is a \$133M investment of real and personal property and the agreement includes an exaction fee based on a percentage of the investment to be paid over a 3-year period. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Resolution 2023-06 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Resolution 2023-08: A Resolution to Name the Clock Tower on Lake George in honor of Mayor Linda Buzinec: The Resolution was read. Mr. Snedecor noted that if the Council approves, a plaque will be placed on the brick at the clocktower on June 21st after the regular Council meeting with this designation, honoring Linda for her years of service to the community. Motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Wells, to adopt Resolution 2023-08 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

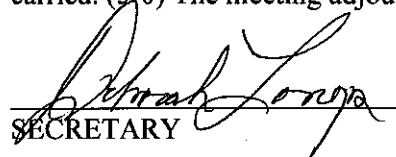
Announcements: A Joint Work Session of the Council & Plan Commission has been set for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Council Chambers.

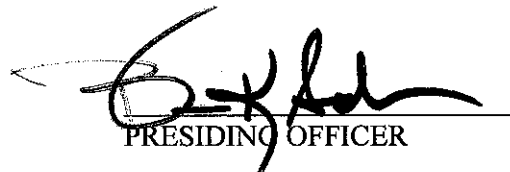
Police Chief Ciszewski stated that National Night Out is being planned for Tuesday, August 1 at the County Line Orchard. The Police Department is spearheading this event with the cooperation of the School City of Hobart and various other organizations.

Bill Perryman questioned the status of the needed Ridge Rd. repairs. Mr. Wells stated he had discussed the situation with Lake Station Mayor Carroll and had reached-out to the state legislators to request some relief in the way of funding to help Lake Station maintain their portion of the road. Mr. Waldrop noted that when the road was turned over to Hobart and the neighboring communities, the Circuit Breaker Tax Caps were not yet in place and they have made a significant impact on funding, limiting the projects that cities and towns can undertake.

Mr. Snedecor asked if anyone would like to address the Council and there was no additional response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER