

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
June 21, 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. Vinzant (via zoom), Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Longer and City Attorney McCarthy (via zoom).

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Huddlestun stated the Park Board has considered the possible donation to the City of property at the south end of Liverpool Road and is very interested. Mr. Snedecor stated that most of this property would not allow a structure but the retention pond would be an asset for the Sanitary/Stormwater Board and Park activities could be held on the remaining area and the adjoining park land. The City will continue to work with the donor to acquire this property.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ordinance 2023-09 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading):** 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. 69<sup>th</sup> Ave., 800' east of the NE corner of 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Mississippi St., +/- 48 acres: Atkore: David Chang; Becknell Industrial; Paul Thurston: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to adopt Ordinance 2023-09 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

**Consideration of Bond Replacement Resolution and Ordinances:** Indiana Bond Bank to Indiana State Treasurer's Office per HB1454 legislation: Attorney Randy Rompola, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP:

**Resolution 2023-10:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, preliminarily determining to issue General Obligation Notes of the City of Hobart, Indiana. The Resolution was read. Ms. Longer stated that this Resolution is the preliminary approval of a Note to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$17M with a term of not to exceed 25 years and an interest rate not to exceed 5% if a rate is assessed. She noted the intent would be to pay off the two bonds issued by the Indiana Bond Bank in December 2022. Bond Counsel is continuing to work with the State Treasurer's office as to the final details and structure of this General Obligation Note. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Resolution 2023-10 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2023-11:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Notes in one or more series to evidence a Loan or Loans from the State of Indiana from the Counter-Cyclical Revenue and Economic Stabilization Fund pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-22.1 for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to Refunding certain Bonds of the City and the City of Hobart Redevelopment District and offsetting property tax revenue shortfalls incurred and to be incurred by the City: The first reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-11 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2023-12:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, Appropriating the Proceeds derived from the sale of General Obligation Notes of the City and all matters related thereto: The first reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-12 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits:** Albanese Confectionery, 5441 E. Lincoln Highway  
 SIR RJI, LLC (Real Property) 2014  
 Jefferson, LLC (Personal Property) 2011  
 Hancock Enterprises, LLC (Personal Property) 2014  
 Hancock Enterprises, LLC (Personal Property) 2017  
 Paine, LLC (Personal Property) 2017  
 Paine, LLC (Personal Property) 2019

Director of Development Beth Jacobson stated the current employment is well above the projected numbers and overall, the personal property amounts will exceed the projected once the abatement is over. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to consider all of these Compliances as a group. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for all entities listed as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2023-10:** An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2023 Budget of the General Fund, Sanitation and Recycling Departments in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

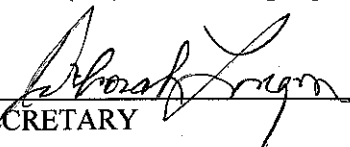
Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

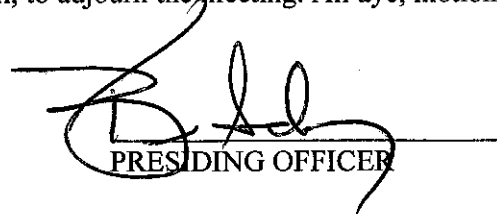
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**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor stated the Dedication of the Clock Tower on Lake George to former Mayor Linda Buzinec will take place immediately following this meeting at approximately 6:30PM.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
 SECRETARY

  
 PRESIDING OFFICER