

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
August 3, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: Clerk-Treasurer Longer and City Attorney McCarthy.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Correspondence:** Mayor Snedecor noted that the K-9 Diesel was retired today. His handler Brian Taylor is also retired and Diesel will live out his days with the Taylor family.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Huddlestun stated the Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled for tonight was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Mr. Waldrop stated the Insurance Committee met for an update on how our health insurance benefits are performing. He noted the employees are doing a great job keeping costs down.

**Department Reports:** Mayor Snedecor thanked the Police and Fire Departments and the citizens who helped out at Robinson Lake on Sunday evening, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Two individuals were pulled from the lake, the woman was transported to the hospital and the male was deceased. It appears their kayaks overturned and they were unable to swim out of the lake.

Mr. Vinzant stated there is a slide show presentation from the Hobart Sanitary District playing on a loop in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby of City Hall and also available on the website, showing the history of the Sanitary District and why there is a need to replace the main lift station and upgrade the main line running to Gary. He encouraged the public to view this informative presentation.

Park Director Kelly Goodpaster stated the bid package for the Festival Park/Community Center bathroom addition will be put out later this month with the hope that construction will start this fall.

City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated the Comp Plan survey will be wrapping up soon and encouraged everyone to get online and take the survey to provide input to the Plan.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Claussen requested Ordinance 2022-21 related to the Sanitary District rates be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ordinance 2022-21 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Approving and Establishing a new schedule of Rates and Charges to be collected by the City of Hobart, Indiana Sanitary District from the owners of property served by the sewage works of said Sanitary District and all matters related thereto.** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-21 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen to move Resolution 2022-10 up on the agenda as this is also related to the Hobart Sanitary District. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution Approving of the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the City of Hobart, Indiana Sanitary District relating to the Acquisition, Construction and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Sewage Works System of the Sanitary District and all matters related thereto.** The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Resolution 2022-10 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ordinance 2022-17 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Vacating an Unimproved Platted ROW within the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana: 262' x 50' unimproved section of platted Illinois Street right-of-way, north of Illinois & Hickey St. intersection.** The owner, Matthew Pomales was present. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-17 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2022-19 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading): An Ordinance providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana be Amended by Changing an Established PUD & R-3 Zone to an M-1 Zone Classification: Approx. 1000' East of North Wind Parkway, Lineage Logistics re: Hanson Cold Storage.** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2022-19 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2022-20 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading): An Ordinance providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, be Amended by Amending the Preliminary Plan for Certain Parcels of Real Estate in an Established PUD Zoning Classification: re: 1500 S. Lake Park Ave., zoned PUD, 36.93 acres: St. Mary Medical Center.** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to adopt Ordinance 2022-20 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

**Consideration of Interlocal Agreement with Lake County: A Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Design and Construction of the City of Hobart's Southwest Regional Lift Station and Force Main Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Project, a Public Works Project in the City of Hobart between the City of Hobart, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana.** Mr. Snedecor stated he had met with Lake County and they have agreed to contribute \$3 million over 4 or 5 years toward this project. He stated the County can determine which payment plan works best for them: 4 years at \$750,000 per year or 5 years at \$600,000 per year. He noted the Board of Public Works approved this agreement earlier today and the Sanitary Board will have it on their agenda next week before it is sent to Lake County. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells to approve the interlocal agreement as presented contingent on Lake County's approval and with the County determining either the 4- or 5-year payment plan. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

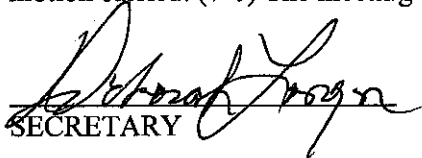
**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor thanked Jay Harrigan for his commitment and service to the community as Executive of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the MRC Board and active Kiwanis member. Mr. Harrigan invited the public to the Chamber luncheon scheduled for next week at the Community

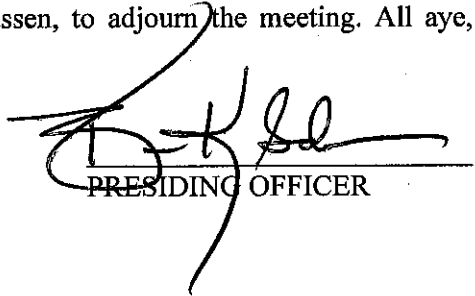
Center with Dave Uran, Executive Director of the Southshore Visitors Bureau, as the speaker. Reservations can be made online on the Chamber website.

A resident along Colorado St. questioned City Engineer Phil Gralik regarding the TRAX project and the sewer and utilities and how the road would be widened. Mr. Gralik stated the costs have increased by over \$1.2 Million and there has been discussion about a redesign to only include a 2-lane rather than being ready for a 4-lane in the future. He noted the scheduling is still on track but there are 2 parcels of right-of-way that still need to be obtained. He also stated the Southside Sewer project will ultimately decommission the septic services of the residents in the area and allow them to hook up to sanitary sewers and the widening of the roadway would be to the east with curbs and storm drains.

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

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

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER