

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
September 7, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2022 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Correspondence:** Mr. Snedecor read a Proclamation for U.S. Heartland Global Leadership Day: August 30, 2022, emphasizing that Hobart businesses are connected to the global economy.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Huddlestun set an Ordinance Committee meeting for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> directly after the regular Council meeting.

**Department Reports:** City Engineer Phil Gralik stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is being held up due to a shortage of Portland cement needed for the sidewalks, curbs and driveway approaches. This is an issue everywhere as cement makers are rationing supplies. Delaware Street is nearing completion with restoration underway. Mr. Huddlestun asked that Porter County be advised to add striping at the County Line intersection with the trail.

MRC Director Aimee Schallenkamp advised that the Seniors will hold their annual picnic on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at noon at Festival Park. Jan Lawrence will be remembered with the event being sponsored by the Steve Houck family.

Mr. Kopil asked about traffic plans for the County Line Orchard season and Police Chief Ciszewski stated the plans will be the same as last year on the weekends only. Public Works will be putting in the speed bumps in McAfee Subdivision for the season.

**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 2022-23 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance Replacing Ordinance 2021-25, Fixing the Salaries of Officers and Employees of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adopt Ordinance 2022-23 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2022-24 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Police Department Sworn Personnel of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to adopt Ordinance 2022-24 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2022-25 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading):** An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Firefighter Sworn Personnel of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending

December 31, 2023. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-25 as presented. Discussion followed. Mr. Wells noted that he would like to see base wages increased as it is hard to entice new hires to public safety positions. Mr. Snedecor noted the subcommittee is looking at possibly moving new hires to Master Firefighters faster than the current schedule and Mr. Vinzant stated this could be changed at any time during the year. Mr. Huddleston questioned whether a Fire Territory was still under consideration and Fire Chief Smith stated he has had numerous conversations with both Lake Station and Union Township and neither are interested in participating in a fire territory. Mr. Snedecor stated the subcommittee will continue to consider alternatives to increase interest of potential new hires. Mr. Snedecor called the question with a Roll Call Vote taken. 5 Aye: Kopil, Huddleston, Vinzant, Claussen, Waldrop / 2 Nay: Maggio, Wells. Motion to adopt carried. (5 Aye / 2 Nay)

Ordinance 2022-26 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2022-26 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Ordinance 2022-27 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2021-29 and Establishing the Amount of Additional Compensation of Certain Officers of the Municipal Utilities of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana and Designating the Fund from which said Additional Compensation is to be Paid Commencing January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to adopt Ordinance 2022-27 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

Ordinance 2022-28 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading): An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates: 2023 Budget: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Ordinance 2022-28 on first reading. Discussion followed. Mr. Vinzant noted that the budget sets the maximum levels that the Mayor may spend over the year. Mr. Claussen noted the City is budgeted high based on anticipated tax collections and other revenues and will likely be cut by the DLGF as usual due to the levy constraints and the circuit breaker caps. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Snedecor called the question and asked for a Roll Call Vote. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The Public Hearing on this Ordinance will be set for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. during the regular Council meeting.

Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with the Filing Deadline for Compliance with Statements of Benefits relating to Wynright Corporation Real and Personal Property Deductions for Tax Abatement Purposes: re: 6300 Northwind Parkway: The Resolution was read. Director of Development Beth Jacobson stated that Wynright had delays in submitting the CF-1's and is requesting this waiver. She noted the CF-1's have been submitted and are next on the agenda this evening. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve Resolution 2022-12 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Compliance with Statement of Benefits: Wynright Corporation, 6300 Northwind Parkway: Real and Personal Property: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for both Real and Personal Property as presented for Wynright Corporation. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

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

SECRETARY

PRESIDING OFFICER