

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
October 6, 2021**

**Call to Order:** President Pro Tem Claussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence. The change in time was properly noticed and was done to allow the Council to attend the INDOT Public Hearing at 6pm regarding the roundabout plans for the intersection of SR130 and Cleveland Avenue. 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. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Present via zoom telephonically: Mr. Huddlestun. Absent: Mayor Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Proclamation and Correspondence:** Mr. Claussen read into the record a proclamation naming October 3-9, 2021, Fire Prevention Week. There was no Correspondence.

**Committee Reports:** There were no Committee Reports.

**Department Reports:** Mr. Vinzant requested the Police Department be alerted to cars running red lights, particularly at the intersections of Old Ridge & Wisconsin, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wisconsin, and Rand & Lake Park Ave.

Mr. Kopil asked if there were Golf Cart Permits being issued. Mrs. Longer stated that over 275 permits have been issued to date. Mr. Waldrop noted that he has noticed a change in how golf carts are operated and less children are seen to be operating them which may indicate the rules and permits are beginning to make an impact.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Tabled: Ordinance 2021-24:** An Ordinance to Amend the Covenants and Restrictions Governing Certain Parcels of Real Estate in an Established PUD Zoning Classification: Cressmoor Estates, S. of 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., W of Lake Park Ave., E of Wisconsin St., D.R. Horton, Inc. Due to the ongoing discussions regarding the PUD with the Plan Commission, this item remains on the table.

**Ordinance 2021-30: (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)** An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (2022 Budget): Mrs. Longer stated that due to the change in time of the Council meeting this evening, she had notified the DLGF of the new time but the Notice posted on Gateway was not changed to meet the 48 hour notice requirements. At the recommendation of the DLGF Field Representative, she requested this Ordinance be tabled until the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:00pm for final adoption. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to table Ordinance 2021-30 to the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council at 6:00pm. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 2021-34:** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-15 and Ordinance 2020-16 and Ordinance 2021-26 and Ordinance 2021-27 of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, adding a provision for Highly Qualified and Lateral Transfer Hiring of Sworn Police Officers and Sworn Firefighters for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021 and the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022. The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to pass Ordinance 2021-34 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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**Ordinance 2021-35:** An Ordinance Establishing Essential Employee COVID-19 Premium Pay from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund and Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Salary Ordinances 2020-14, 2020-15 and 2020-16 to Allow Premium Pay for Eligible Workers in Accordance with the Grant. The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to pass Ordinance 2021-35 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)


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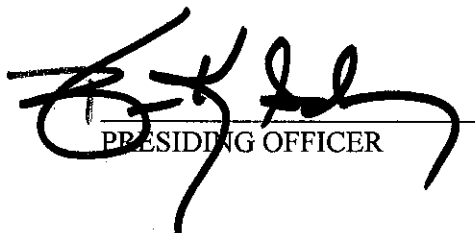
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**Announcements:** Randy Hall, Cressmoor Development, was present and stated he was just checking in with the Council this evening and is continuing to work with the Plan Commission to address concerns regarding Cressmoor Estates Development.

Mr. Claussen asked if anyone wished to address the Council and there was no additional response.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDING OFFICER