

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 2, 2019**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Brezik, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Mayor Snedecor and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2018 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Correspondence: Mrs. Longer presented the Report of 2018 Transfers & Encumbrances (End of Year) as a follow up to Council Resolution 2018-26 authorizing transfers of appropriations of 2018 expenditures and Board of Works Resolution 2018-10 authorizing the encumbering of remaining appropriation balances from 2018 where necessary.

Mr. Herzog noted that the Council is scheduled to serve breakfast at the MRC on Tuesday, January 15th and requested the Council members be at the MRC around 7:30 a.m.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Department Reports: Mr. Snedecor stated that the Thoroughfare Plan is being updated and the public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission in the near future. He noted that a Special Council meeting may be needed next week in order to act on the updated Plan to allow for a grant submission for some future road grants that may become available. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to set a Special Council Meeting for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers to consider a Resolution related to the Thoroughfare Plan. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

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

Organizational Business for 2019: Mayor Snedecor turned the meeting over to Council President Pro-Tempore Herzog to conduct the Council's organizational business for 2019. Mr. Herzog presented the list of appointments the Council needed to make for the New Year and opened the floor for nominations.

Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to nominate Mr. Claussen as Council President Pro Tempore for 2019. By consensus, the Council decided that all other Council positions currently in place will remain the same except that Mr. Claussen will replace Mr. Huddlestun on the Lights & Hydrants Committee and Mr. Claussen will replace Mr. Vinzant on the Fire Department Committee.

Discussion following regarding the request of the Council to have a Councilman named the Council's appointment as a voting member of the Redevelopment Commission and to name a Councilman as a non-voting delegate to the Hobart Sanitary Board. City Attorney DeBonis had provided and distributed a legal opinion stating that both positions may be filled as the Council had requested.

Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to nominate Mr. Brezik as the Council's delegate (non-voting) to the Board of Sanitary Commissioners. Motion by Mr. Brezik, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to nominate Mr. Claussen as the Council's appointment to the Redevelopment Commission.

There being no additional nominations, the nominations were closed. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio to approve the following Council appointments for 2019:

Council President Pro Tempore: Mr. Claussen

Finance Chairman: Mr. Maggio

Council Representatives for Boards and Commissions:

Contractor's Licensing Board: Mr. Maggio

Plan Commission: Mr. Vinzant

Park Board: Mr. Huddlestun

Economic Development Commission (EDC): Mr. Huddlestun

Board of Sanitary Commissioners: Mr. Brezik

Standing Committee Appointments:

Streets and Alleys Committee: Mr. Maggio, Mr. Claussen

Ordinance Committee: Mr. Huddlestun (Chair), All Council Members

Insurance Committee: Mr. Brezik, Mr. Herzog, Mr. Waldrop

Lights and Hydrants Committee: Mr. Brezik, Mr. Claussen

Sanitation Committee: Mr. Vinzant (Chair), Mr. Herzog, Mr. Huddlestun

Solid Waste Committee: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Waldrop

Special Committees:

Tax Abatement Committee: Mr. Brezik (Chair), Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Waldrop

Fire Department Committee: Mr. Brezik (Chair), Mr. Claussen, Mr. Waldrop

Master Plan Committee: Mr. Brezik (Chair), Mr. Herzog, Mr. Maggio

Working Conditions Committee: Mr. Herzog, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Waldrop

Vacant Buildings Committee: Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Brezik, Mr. Waldrop

Designation of Newspapers for Legal Advertising: Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Brezik, to name the Times and the Post-Tribune as the newspapers for legal advertising in 2019. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Ordinance 2018-32 (1st Reading): An Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Indiana Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana be Amended by Changing an Established R-3 Zone to PUD M-1 Zone Classification: 800' East from the NE corner of 69th Ave. & Mississippi St., 16.5 acres +/-, Paul Thurston, Indiana Becknell Investors LLC: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Herzog, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve Ordinance 2018-32 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

New Business:

Appointment of two (2) Redevelopment Commission Members for 2019 (Term: 1 Year) and Appointment of two (2) Building Trade Representatives to the Contractor's Board (Term: 2 Years): Motion by Mr. Herzog, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to appoint Matt Claussen and Shawn P. Kelly to the Redevelopment Commission and to appoint David Soderquest and Owen Stephens to the Contractor's Board. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

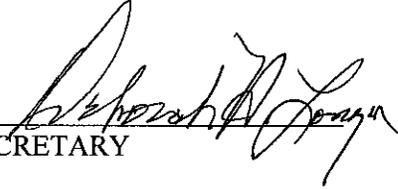
Announcements: Sandy O'Brien addressed the Council expressing concerns regarding some roads included on the Thoroughfare Plan that had been considered for years but are not constructed and should be removed due to the wetlands and drainage issues in the areas. She distributed a drawing showing the roads marked that she would like to see removed from the plan to maintain an ecological balance.

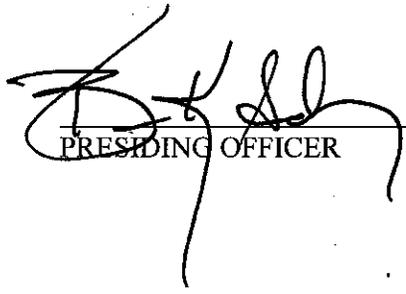
Discussion followed regarding a rezone that is being considered by the Plan Commission for lots on 37th Avenue and issues with stormwater run-off and other drainage problems. Mr. Gralik, City Engineer, stated there are many issues that the owner must address and permits that must be applied for regarding these lots that the Plan Commission will consider.

Mr. Vinzant noted that the Plan Commission will be considering additional requirements of as-builts being submitted and of additional surveys being done for elevations prior to foundations being poured to assure compliance with regulations and to assure the final product matches the plans approved.

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

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


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PRESIDING OFFICER