

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
February 17, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, requesting the public keep the families of Mark Bowman and Cheryl Govert, city employees who recently passed away, in their thoughts and prayers. 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: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio (remote), Mr. Vinzant (remote), Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Mr. Snedecor, City Attorney McCarthy (remote), and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Proclamation:** Mr. Snedecor read the Proclamation naming February 21-27, 2021 as Tri-Kappa Week in the City of Hobart in recognition of the contributions of the women who comprise this philanthropic organization.

**Presentations:** Justin Mount, Indiana American Water Company, presented a \$1,500 Fire Safety Grant check to the Hobart Fire Department for whatever public safety equipment they may need. He also presented the City a check for \$3,500 that the Mayor stated would be used for technology upgrades needed throughout the City.

Mr. Snedecor presented MVH Retiree Scott Cummings with a jacket and thanked him for his 43 years of service to the City. Former Director John Dubach and current Director Kelly Smith both thanked Scott for his dedication to the City and the residents over the years.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Department Reports:** Mr. Snedecor thanked public works and public safety employees for the handling of the last 2 weeks of snow and thanked the businesses who donated food for the workers as they worked long hours to keep on top of the snow removal for the safety of our citizens. He also noted that there was a roof collapse due to heavy snow on the barn/arena area of the Equestrian Center on 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue this morning and Public Works, Fire and Police personnel came out to help remove the horses from the barn area. No persons or horses were injured in the collapse.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Waldrop stated the Health Insurance Committee met and was provided an overview of the past year, stating the employees have done an excellent job of keeping costs low and utilizing generic drugs when appropriate. Mr. Huddlestun noted that there is much unknown as to how the pandemic will affect health care in the future and whether 2020 was a result of people deferring routine tests or health care until the pandemic was under control. Mr. Waldrop also stated the Property/Casualty Insurance renewal increased for 2021 as the liability coverage costs increased due to the national events of the past year.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Tabled: Request for Use Variance:** to permit a proposed climate-controlled storage facility and outdoor storage for RV's & boats at 7305 Grand Blvd. located 1,300' north from the Northeast corner of Grand Blvd. & 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Sec. 154.133, zoned B-1, 2acres: Alka Properties/Mitre Kutanovski: City Planner Ross Pietrzak stated the petitioners are working on the site plan to be presented to the Plan Commission. The Council determined to leave this item on the table until the Site Plan is reviewed by the Plan Commission.

**Tabled: Ordinance 2020-29 (First Reading):** An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning Golf Carts, Authorizing the Use of Golf Carts and Recreational Off-Road Vehicles on the Streets and Alleys of the City of Hobart Under Specified Conditions: Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to remove this item from the table. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The Ordinance was read. Mr. Huddlestun noted there are two areas that need to be modified in the Ordinance: (1) to change the 2-headlight requirement to "sufficient" headlights; and (2) to allow driving on any highway that has a speed limit of 30 mph or below. Discussion followed as to the various roads that have certain areas that have a posted speed over 30 mph such as a portion of 61<sup>st</sup> Ave., Wisconsin Street., etc. and golf carts would be permitted on the shoulders of those roads if sufficient space allowed. Hours of operating golf carts was also mentioned as a possible control. Mr. Huddlestun requested that Attorney McCarthy revise the ordinance with the discussion being considered. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Claussen and Mr. Vinzant, to table this item. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-01 (Second Reading):** An Ordinance Adopting a Sewer Use Ordinance Establishing Rules for the Use of the City's Sanitary Sewer System and for the PreTreatment Program for Users that Discharge Non-Domestic Wastes to its Sanitary Sewer System and Excess Strength Surcharges: The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Claussen and Mr. Vinzant, to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

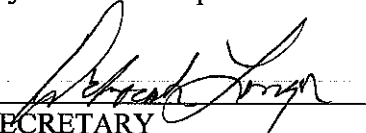
**Ordinance 2021-02:** An Ordinance Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart be Amended by Changing an Established R-2 Zone & B-3 Zone to a PBP (Planned Business Park) Zone Classification: W of Clay, S of US 30, N of 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave.: Attorney James Wieser and Jim Sapp, Rise Commercial Districts: The Ordinance was read. The petitioners were not present. Mr. Snedecor reported the Plan Commission forwarded a Favorable Recommendation with a unanimous vote. Mr. Vinzant stated this is similar to an office space incubator for start up businesses but may also provide some warehousing space on a short-term basis if needed by existing businesses. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil and Mr. Maggio to pass Ordinance 2021-02 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

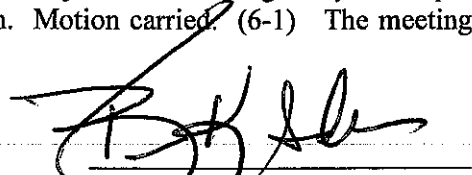
**Ordinance 2021-03:** An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 Budget of the MVH Restricted Fund in the City of Hobart: The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Claussen, to pass Ordinance 2021-03 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance this evening. 6 Ayes: Kopil, Huddlestun, Maggio, Vinzant, Claussen, Waldrop / 1 Nay: Wells. (6-1) Motion fails as a motion to suspend must be a unanimous vote.

**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor stated the March 3 Council meeting will include the State of the City report at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone on the phone or in person who wished to address the Council and there was no response.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells to adjourn the meeting. 6 Ayes: Kopil, Maggio, Vinzant, Wells, Claussen, Waldrop / 1 Nay: Huddlestun. Motion carried. (6-1) The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

  
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