

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
April 5, 2023**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with 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. Brooks, 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. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Memorandum of Executive Session of March 15, 2023 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Proclamation: Mr. Snedecor noted he had presented this proclamation earlier in the week at the Early Learning Center and encouraged all citizens to continue to make a good investment in early childhood lives all the time but especially during the Week of the Young Child: April 3-7, 2023

Correspondence: Mr. Vinzant stated that the House Engrossed Bill 1454 has passed the senate committee and is headed through the process of adoption. Mr. Snedecor thanked Mr. Vinzant and Ms. McCarthy for their continuing support and involvement in working on legislation in response to the Southlake Mall tax assessment and refund. The City will continue to watch the progress of the bill and any possible amendments that may be suggested.

Mr. Kopil and the entire Council thanked Public Works and the 1st Responders for the response directly after the storms that blew through the area on Friday evening. It has been determined that it was an EF-1 tornado that followed a path along 73rd Avenue and US30. Mr. Fulton stated that residents that had any damage, including tree damage, should call 211 to report it as FEMA may be considering some disaster relief.

City Planner Ross Pietrzak asked the Council to consider a time for a joint meeting with the Plan Commission to review the future land use map and suggested Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00PM. He noted Lakota Group will hold a public comment session regarding the Comp Plan on Thursday, April 20th from 5-7PM in the Council Chambers. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to set a special joint meeting of the Council and the Plan Commission for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00PM, subject to the approval of same by the Plan Commission.

City Engineer Phil Gralik provided an update on various projects stating the boring for the sanitary sewer line under the river has been completed and work is progressing; the reconstruction of 3rd Street is expected to begin within the next 6 weeks as will the Colorado & US30 intersection work.

Mr. Snedecor announced that the Board of Public Works awarded a contract to C. Lee Construction for the demolition of 5 structures (4 houses and 1 gas station). These will be paid for with CDBG Funds and the demolition costs came in under the total amount of the CDBG funding available.

Park Director Kelly Goodpaster stated the Festival Park Bathroom project is coming along with work being done for the laying of the foundation.

Public Works Superintendent Kelly Smith stated that Leaf Bag pickup will begin April 17th or they may be dropped off at the public works yard anytime. She asked the public to please call if they have bags to

pick up to assure we don't miss them. She also stated May 8-12 is Clean-Up week and asked the residents to be sure to call in to get on the list for pick-up. Information and updates are available on the City's website.

Committee Reports: There were no Committee Reports.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Ordinance 2023-06: An Ordinance Providing that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hobart be Amended by Amending the Preliminary Plan for Certain Parcels of Real Estate in an established PUD Zoning Classification: St. Mary Medical Center Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, 320 W. 61st Ave., 3.50 acres: The Ordinance was read. Mr. Vinzant stated this is for the expansion of the rehabilitation facility on the St. Mary Hospital campus and the Plan Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to approve Ordinance 2023-06 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

PRESENTATION: STATE OF THE CITY: Mayor Snedecor presented his 16th and final State of the City Address to the Council and the public.

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor asked if anyone would like to address the Council and there was no additional response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER