

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
June 16, 2021**

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 and Mr. Waldrop. Mr. Wells was absent as he was representing his District at the Little Calumet River Basin Board Meeting this evening. Absent: Mr. Claussen. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Mr. Waldrop, seconded by Mr. Vinzant, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Presentation: Mayor Snedecor presented the *Key to the City* to Theresia Larimore, retiring Director of the Hobart Food Pantry, recognizing her many years of volunteer service to the community. Many of the volunteers who help with the Food Pantry were present and they, along with the Council, lauded Ms. Larimore for her service.

Mr. Snedecor stated he was scheduled to be at the Little Cal River Basin Board meeting to support the Hobart project being proposed and turned the gavel over to Councilman Vinzant who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Committee Reports: Mr. Huddlestun stated the Insurance Committee met and received updates and the City is doing well with regard to claims.

Mr. Kopil stated that Hasse has finished repairs on the 3rd St. Bridge sewer line that was broken, causing a sinkhole. City Engineer Phil Gralik is reviewing the information from the repair to determine the cause and responsibility of paying for the repair. The many watermain breaks this week were also discussed and Mrs. Longer reported that at the Board of Works meeting earlier it was reported that there had been at least 9 water main breaks since Monday of this week and the Street Dept. and Engineering Dept. will monitor the repairs and restoration by Indiana American Water. Mr. Kopil also thanked Building Official Jeremy Ogden for addressing the concerns of excessive dust due to developer activities in an area.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

Tabled: Ordinance 2021-04 (2nd Reading): An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code concerning Contractor Licensing: Jeremy Ogden, Building Official: Mr. Ogden requested this remain on the table as he continues to rework the Ordinance with the City Attorney.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-12: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hobart, Indiana to enter into an Agreement with the County of Lake, Indiana in undertaking Community Development Activities: The Resolution was read. Tim Brown, Lake County Economic Development, was present and explained that this three-year agreement includes the 16 city/town partners in Lake County to work together on Community Development Activities. The CDBG funds in the past have facilitated Hobart in ADA accessibility and a variety of other projects. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2021-14: An Ordinance Transferring Appropriations within the 2021 Budget of the MVH Restricted Fund; the General Fund, City Garage; and the General Fund, Police Department and Law Enforcement Training Fund in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana. The Ordinance was read. Mrs. Longer stated that the transfers requested from the various departments are due to invoices waiting to be paid. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to pass Ordinance 2021-14 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

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Ordinance 2021-15: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1412 of the County of Lake, Indiana, an Ordinance to Amend the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for revision of BP (Regional Shopping Center), an established PUD Zone Classification in the City of Hobart, Ordinance 93-31, an Ordinance Adopting the Redesignation of Zones, to Incorporate a Master Sign Plan: Laura Berjon, Chandler Signs, re: Crossings at Hobart, E of Mississippi, N of US30, W of Colorado St. , 322 Acres: The Ordinance was read. The Plan Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation to this petition with no conditions. Mr. Vinzant reported that the owners are working with the City to continue to market the retail area. Motion by Mr. Kopil, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to pass Ordinance 2021-15 on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to suspend the rules, declare an emergency and proceed with the second reading of the Ordinance. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

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Announcements: Mr. Waldrop noted the Community Pool Ribbon Cutting for the remodeled building was held on Monday June 7th and the pool is open for the summer.

Stephanie & Robert McGaffney, 324 N. Delaware St., expressed concerns regarding the fireworks being set off in the middle of the night in neighborhoods and asked the Council for possible solutions to enforce the ordinances. The Council stated they would ask the Mayor to have the City put information out on the notification systems and on the website and asked the residents to continue to contact the police and try to pinpoint the location of the violators.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Huddlestun to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER