

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
August 18, 2021**

**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. 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, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Correspondence:** Ms. Longer distributed the 2022 Budget documents and Ord. 2021-30 that is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Council. Included in this packet is an estimated cash flow for 2021 and 2022. The 2022 budget documents and salary ordinances are also included in the drop box. She noted the tax rates listed are based on 50% of the 2022 Certified A.V. which increased from the 2021 A.V. by over \$42Million dollars so once the budget is certified, the tax rates will be at ½ of what is shown. Mr. Vinzant questioned whether we have received the final version of the Comprehensive Financial Plan that was presented in July. Ms. Longer will follow up with Baker Tilly for the final version. Mr. Waldrop asked if the 2020 audit was completed and Ms. Longer stated that it was not yet finalized as the auditors are still asking for information but she expects that an exit conference will be scheduled within the next two weeks and will inform the Council when that is set. A brief discussion followed as to the timing of the budget and related salary ordinances. Ms. Longer noted the Budget calendar is in the folder with the budget and the salary ordinances will need to be adopted along with the budget, no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> except for the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance which is required to be adopted no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Snedecor gave a shout-out to the Hobart Police Department for their efforts in apprehending the individual believed to be responsible for the bank robberies at Chase Bank and People's Bank in Hobart and the bank in Hammond earlier this week. He also noted that the K-9 unit has retired K-9 "Mojo" and accepted a new black Labrador "Gibson" into the K-9 unit. Officer Ken Williams will be handling the new K-9.

Mr. Snedecor also noted the LakeFront Festival is this weekend, opening Thursday and running through Sunday with the Dam Duck Race scheduled for Sunday afternoon. He also noted that paving has started by Milestone around the City and the Public Works Department is also doing some in-house paving of alleys and small areas.

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

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**Update: Use Variance for Kennel Denied 9/16/2020:** Owner to reduce # of dogs to no more than 3 by August 2021; re: 3745 Barnes St., Roxanne Gutierrez: Ms. Longer stated the Council had denied the Use Variance and given the owner until August 1<sup>st</sup> to reduce the number of dogs to no more than 3. Mr.

Claussen stated that Code Enforcement can follow up if there are additional complaints. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Wells, to remove this item from the agenda. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-21 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-14 of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Lake County Indiana, to establish a new position in the Building Department and Fixing the Salaries for such position for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021:** The second reading of the Ordinance was held. Mr. Snedecor stated this is to add the FOG Inspector position to the Salary Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to adopt Ordinance 2021-21 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Continued: Ordinance 2021-22: (1<sup>st</sup> Reading): An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart Concerning Large Trucks, Trailers or other Vehicles with a Gross Weight in Excess of 11,000 pounds Parking on or near Districts Zoned Residential.** The Ordinance was read. Ms. Longer noted this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft completed by the City Attorney after the Ordinance Committee meeting discussions. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to amend Ordinance 2021-22 by changing the 11,000 pounds limit to 16,000 pounds. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to pass Ordinance 2021-22 as amended on first reading. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

#### **New Business:**

**Request for a Use Variance: to allow manufacturing of cosmetics and toiletries at 8201 Grand Blvd., 600' south from the SE corner of Grand Blvd. and US 30, zoned B-3, 2.14 acres: Allen Bartley:** Mr. Bartley, a representative of the business owner, was present. Mr. Snedecor stated the BZA had forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Council with no conditions for this Use Variance. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the Use Variance as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Consideration of Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Hobart and the City of Portage, Indiana for the Reconstruction of County Line Road from US 6 to Cleveland Avenue:** Mr. Snedecor noted that Portage has already taken action to approve this Interlocal and this is similar to the one adopted with Porter County to advance the County Line Road property acquisition for the project. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with the Filing Deadline for Compliance with Statements of Benefits relating to Albanese Confectionery Group Real and Personal Property Deductions for Tax Abatement Purposes: James Dragon, Albanese Confectionery Group:** Mr. Dragon was present. The Resolution was read. Director of Development Beth Jacobson stated the reports had been mailed timely but were not received by the City by the filing deadline and this Resolution waives both the non-compliance and the associated fee. Motion by Mr. Huddlestun, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve Resolution 2021-13 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits: Albanese Confectionery Group re: 5441 E. Lincoln Highway Real Property: Sir RLJ, LLC (formerly Jefferson LLC), 2011 & 2014 Building Additions Personal Property: Jefferson, LLC: 2011 Equip.; Hancock Enterprises, LLC: 2014 Equip.; Hancock Enterprises, LLC: 2017 Equip.; Paine, LLC: 2017 Equip.; Paine, LLC: 2019 Equip.:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by

Mr. Huddlestun, to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for both the Real Property and Personal Property filings as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-23: An Ordinance for an Additional Appropriation for the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund (#176) in the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana:** Ms. Longer explained that the first ½ of the ARP allotment for the City has been received and in order to spend any of it this year, an Additional Appropriation must be completed. For 2022, the ARP Fund is included and appropriated in the budget. The information attached to this Ordinance includes a proposed Plan from the Mayor as to the use of the ARP funds and the Council is asked to consider this plan and will be asked to adopt a plan at the next meeting after the public hearing and prior to the additional appropriation ordinance being adopted. Discussion followed as to the restrictions for the use of the money, noting that the federal government is still sorting out and will possibly amend the permitted uses. Currently the funds may not be used for paving or as a local match for other federal or state grants. The Mayor and staff will keep the Council aware of any changes to the fund use and the Council may amend the plan at any time. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Wells, to pass Ordinance 2021-23 on first reading and set same for public hearing on September 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-24: An Ordinance to Amend the PUD for Cressmoor Estates:** Mr. Vinzant provided an overview of the Plan Commission discussion with the developers and noted the new developers had agreed to almost everything asked for by the City with the exception of the concrete driveways which the Plan Commission then voted specifically not require only concrete for driveways in the PUD but to accept asphalt, concrete or pavers. The Development Agreement is being revised and will be presented in the future. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Claussen to table this item to allow time for review of PUD by staff. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-25: An Ordinance Replacing Ordinance 2020-14, fixing the Salaries of Officer and Employees of the City of Hobart for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022:** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to table Ordinance 2021-25. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-26: An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of Police Department Sworn Personnel of the City of Hobart for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Wells, to table Ordinance 2021-26. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Ordinance 2021-27: An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of Firefighter Sworn Personnel of the City of Hobart for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Huddlestun, to table Ordinance 2021-27. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

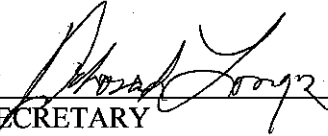
**Ordinance 2021-28: An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Hobart for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to table Ordinance 2021-28. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

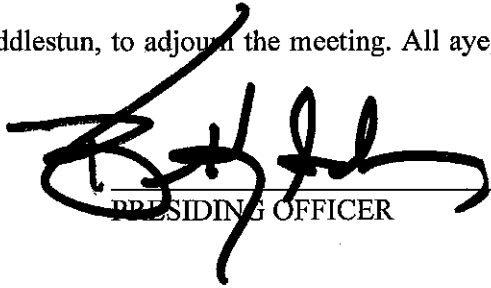
**Ordinance 2021-29: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2020-18 and Establishing the Amount of Additional Compensation of Certain Officers of the Municipal Utilities of the City of Hobart and designating the Fund from which said Additional Compensation is to be paid Commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022** The Ordinance was read. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to table Ordinance 2021-29. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Announcements:**

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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