

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
February 5, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Snedecor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, asking the Council to keep in their thoughts the family of the woman who died from her injuries in an automobile accident this morning at 73rd and SR 51.

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells, Mr. Claussen and Mr. Waldrop. Also present: Mayor Snedecor, City Attorney McCarthy and Clerk-Treasurer Longer.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2020 and the Memorandum of the Executive Session of January 15, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Proclamation:** Mr. Snedecor read the Proclamation for Tri-Kappa Week, February 22 – 29, 2020 and presented the proclamation to Cindy Osika, Tri-Kappa representative, thanking the organization for their service to the community. Ms. Osika thanked the City, the School City of Hobart, and the community for their support of the projects Tri-Kappa undertakes throughout the year.

**Correspondence:**

Census 2020 Challenge: Rick Bella, Town Council President from Merrillville, challenged the City of Hobart and the Mayor to a friendly competition with regard to the response rate to the Census complete count. Mr. Bella stated he is reaching out to a number of area communities with the same challenge as having a complete count is very important to all our communities. Mr. Fulton, Hobart's point person for the Census 2020, stated that each person counted represents approximately \$27,100 in revenue over 10 years to their community. Mayor Snedecor accepted the challenge and asked that the community look for the Census 2020 information in the mail in March and to complete the forms and submit. April 1, 2020 is Census Day.

Recognition: Retiree John Dubach: Mr. Snedecor recognized John Dubach for his 39+ years of service to the City of Hobart and presented him with a City jacket. Mr. Dubach, Public Works Superintendent, is retiring from the City and was present with his family. Mr. Dubach thanked the Mayor, the Council and the community for their support over the years. The Council and the Department Heads thanked Mr. Dubach for his service.

Jim Metros: Republic Services: re: Increase in garbage/recycling charges: Mr. Metros provided a background as to the way the recycling effort grew in the area and how recycling was processed by various sanitation services to alleviate the burdens on landfills. Due to recent changes, China is no longer accepting recyclables. The cost for disposal has increased from -0- to \$90/ton, forcing the service companies to pass those costs to contract customers. Mr. Metros explained that the City of Hobart had gone through a competitive bid process last year and recycling was added to the price per ton costs for the City. Mr. Metros stated the entire nation is looking for alternative ways to recycle and encouraged the public to continue to recycle as it has a positive long-term effect on the environment. Mr. Metros will provide additional information to the Mayor's office regarding recycling efforts and lists of what can and cannot be recycled.

Annual Report from Economic Development Commission: The 2019 Annual Report from the EDC was distributed and acknowledged by the Council. It is made a part of the record and attached to the minutes herein.

**Committee Reports:** Mr. Huddlestun scheduled an Ordinance Committee meeting for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Vinzant thanked Rep. Lisa Beck who was present, for her efforts in working on an amendment to state statutes regarding the big box assessment appeals and related settlement agreements. Mr. Vinzant stated the two other local State Representatives will hold a town meeting at the Glen Theatre on Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon and the public is invited to attend. Mr. Snedecor stated there has been a lot of discussion with various Mayors throughout the State regarding the big box appeal issues and the need for legislative reform.

**Department Reports:** Aimee Schallenkamp, MRC Director, stated there is a Bingo Fundraiser scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hobart Moose Lodge. Donations of door prizes are being accepted.

Nikki Lopez, Events Director, announced the Crossroads Bowl game has agreed to hold the Crossroads Bowl in Hobart for the next 3 years, extending the previous agreement by 2 years as the organizers were very happy with the cooperation of the community, the City and the School for this past year's event.

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

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Review: Consideration of Rates: Charge Point Station, N. side City Hall:** Nikki Lopez, Events Director, distributed information as to options for the charging station, stating that Charge Point has offered to provide service for a year at a cost of \$120 but the City would not be able to charge customers for the service. In reviewing other options, Ms. Lopez stated that staying with Charge Point appears to be the most cost effective overall but the City would not recover any fees for use. The Council directed Ms. Lopez to move forward with the best deal but any contract would be a Board of Works matter as the Council would not be imposing user fees.

#### **New Business:**

**Request for Reappointment to Economic Development Commission: re: Robert Glover:** Mr. Glover's current term expired January 31, 2020 and he has expressed an interest in remaining on the Commission. Motion by Mr. Maggio, seconded by Mr. Huddlestun, to reappoint Robert Glover to the Economic Development Commission for an additional 4-year term. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor announced that the State of the City presentation will be done at the next Council meeting and requested the Council consider moving their February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to the Community Center to allow more of the public to attend. The Council agreed with the understanding that the alternate location would be clearly indicated on the doors of City Hall and on the website and notices.

Boy Scout Jacob Blanchard, 206 Henry St., asked the Council to consider limiting parking on the Beverly Lane Bridge and the approaches as the bridge is very narrow and becomes dangerous when people are trying to walk or bike across the bridge when cars are parked there. Mr. Snedecor asked the Public

Works Department to look at possible signage for this area and thanked Mr. Blanchard for this safety interest in the community.

Denarie Kane, Director of Development, reported on a recent meeting held with Mike Weiser, Lake County Auditor's office and City Attorney McCarthy regarding the unfinished development at Real America and the Council's recent action regarding a requested extension being denied. She noted that a Resolution will be presented in the near future to the Council and outlined the various issues that will be addressed to clearly define the parameters of the abatement that was approved and how it will be reported to the County to enact the intention of the Council as to the tax abatement.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Claussen to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



SECRETARY



PRESIDING OFFICER

# ANNUAL REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(as per I.C. 36-7-12-36)

For official use only Date Received:
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## I. Commission Information

- A. Name of Commission: Hobart Economic Development Commission  
 Commission Address: 414 Main Street  
 City: Hobart County: Lake  
 Zip: 46342
- B. Commission Contact: Denarie Kane Title: Director of Development  
 Address of Contact: 414 Main Street  
 City: Hobart County: Lake  
 State: IN Zip: 46342  
 Phone #: (219) 942-5517 Fax #: (219) 947-2314  
 E-mail: dkane@cityofhobart.org

## II. Commission Background

Provide a brief narrative history of the commission, including date of establishment:

Date of establishment -- April 20, 1977

During Ms. Kane's tenure as staff advisor (1994-present) the EDC has been involved in the City's residential tax abatement program in addition to those commercial tax abatements that require their favorable recommendation. EDC has also been involved in the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds for local manufacturers.

## III. Financing

List source(s) of financing for the commission (i.e. banks, bonds, government agencies, taxes, etc.) Quantify the value for each method:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Value</u>
Local property taxes support EDC for monthly allowance paid per meeting attended & supplies needed	\$0.00 (2019 Budget)

#### IV. Expenditures

There were no expenditures in 2019.

#### V. Activities

Describe significant economic development projects that the commission worked on during the last calendar year. For projects concluded during the past year, include (a) the number of new jobs committed and (b) the amount of capital investment committed.

In June of 2019, the Economic Development Commission passed a Resolution issuing a favorable recommendation for a six-year tax abatement for Cressmoor Development. The Commission had previously passed a Resolution in June of 2018 for the same project. However, there were changes in the scope of the project, specifically the number of homes for which abatement was requested. The number of homes increased from 183 homes to 184 homes. The Cressmoor development is expected to have a total capital investment of \$41,400,000 and employ workers in 660 construction jobs. Total salaries for construction jobs are expected to be \$3.3 Million.

In November of 2019, the Economic Development Commission approved a Resolution for a \$7.1 Million Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bond for A Safe Haven, Veteran's Apartments. The project is a 75-unit apartment complex and will provide housing opportunities for homeless veterans. The project is expected to have a capital investment amount of \$13 Million. It is expected to employ 75 people in construction jobs and provide 12 permanent jobs, 6 full-time and 6 part-time. Construction salaries are expected to total \$4 Million, and salaries for permanent jobs are expected to be \$500,000.

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing profile and that the information contained therein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

#### COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION

Date: 1-27-2020

Signed: Lisa M. Winstead

Name: Lisa M. Winstead

Title: 2019 EDC President  
(President or other authorized representative of the commission)