

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 4, 2020**

Call to Order: Council President Pro-Tem Claussen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Huddlestun, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Vinzant, Mr. Wells and Mr. Waldrop. Absent: Mayor Snedecor. 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 February 19, 2020 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Proclamation: Mr. Claussen read Mayor Snedecor's proclamation, naming March 2020 as Disability Awareness Month in the City. A board member of the Council on Disabilities accepted the proclamation.

Presentation: GIS Update: Geographic Technologies Group provided a brief overview on the work completed over the 1st year of the City's efforts to update the GIS system including the mapping of sewer and storm sewers, water lines, parks, and integrating the system with the County data and other entities such as the DNR. They also discussed the goals set for year 2 of the program as they bring more data into the system and the availability of the system to the public for information purposes.

Correspondence: Lloyd Puchek requested the Council consider holding an annual Founder's Day celebration of some type in honor of George Earle, recognizing his contribution to this community. The Council and Mr. Puchek agreed that he should discuss the possibilities with the Historical Society Board.

Committee Reports: Mr. Vinzant stated the Finance Committee of the Council met earlier in the week to discuss financial issues facing the City. Mrs. Longer stated the remaining Council members had packets of information distributed to them this evening to consider and discuss in the future.

Department Reports: Asst. Chief Dave Tinsley, Hobart Fire Dept., gave a brief overview of the City's actions regarding the prevention of the spread of the Coronavirus, reminding the residents to wash their hands frequently, cover a cough with their arm and avoiding contact with those that are ill. The Safety Committee of the City is working on protocols and a distribution of hand sanitizers and cleaners for surfaces are being distributed throughout the work spaces in the City. Mrs. Longer noted the City met with St. Mary's Medical Center earlier today to coordinate efforts of preparedness and will continue to meet as needed over the next weeks and months.

It was noted that spring must not be far off as the Pelican Street Sweeper has been seen working in the City. Public Works Dept. was also commended for clearing the streets so quickly during the recent snow/ice event.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

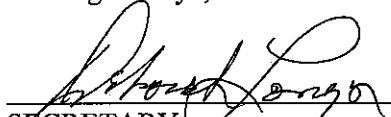
New Business:

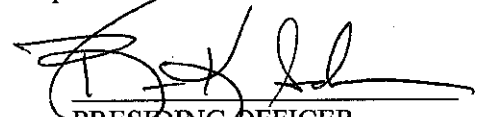
Resolution 2020-02: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, Designating a Certain Area within the City as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purpose of Real Property Tax Abatement: re: 2100 E. 69th Ave., Becknell Investors 2011, LLC: The Resolution was read. Paul Thurston, Becknell Investors 2011 LLC, was present and provided information about the proposed project to be located at 69th and Mississippi St., noting that over 165 construction jobs would be part of this project and the developer hopes to break ground this spring and be completed by December 2020. The project includes a 672,000 sq. ft. building with 112,320 sq. ft. of expansion space located in an M-1 PUD. Motion by Mr. Huddleston, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to approve Resolution 2020-02 as presented and set a public hearing on this project for April 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All aye motion carried. (7-0)

Consideration of Collaboration Agreement between the Merrillville Conservancy District, the City of Hobart Storm Water Management Department and the City of Hobart Redevelopment Commission for the Implementation of the 69th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension and the 73rd Avenue Low Pressure Sanitary Sewer System: Bob Fulton, Hobart Sanitary District President, and Denarie Kane, Director of Development, presented this Agreement, stating the HSD and the RDC have both approved the agreement as well as the Merrillville Conservancy District. This project will bring needed services to the areas along 69th Ave. and 73rd Ave., eliminating some septic systems and improving services to those residents in the MCD territory. Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Kopil, to approve the Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried. (7-0)

Announcements: Mr. Claussen asked if anyone wished to address the Council and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Vinzant, seconded by Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Maggio, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (7-0) The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER