

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
March 27, 2020**

Call to Order: Mayor Snedecor called the telephonic special meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Kopil, Mr. Maggio, Mr. Wells and Mr. Waldrop via telephonic conference call and Mr. Claussen in person. Absent: Mr. Huddlestun and Mr. Vinzant. Also present in person: Mr. Snedecor, City Attorney McCarthy, Clerk-Treasurer Longer and Asst. to C-T Govert.

Attorney McCarthy read a brief statement as follows:

Due to the directives of the federal and state government to address the spread of COVID 19, this emergency meeting of the Common Council will be held in real time by conference call as City Hall is currently closed to the public for safety reasons. The agenda for today's special meeting was properly posted, on the City of Hobart's website and outside City Hall, additionally it was sent via facsimile to the press on Wednesday, March 25. Pursuant to Indiana Law, this Special Meeting was properly noticed and is limited to only those agenda items necessary to maintain the essential operations of the City during the current state of emergency. No additional agenda items will be discussed today. I want to thank the members of the public and press that have called in today to listen. The meeting is being recorded and it is important that its preservation is audible. I want to remind everyone listening that this is not a public hearing and I ask that the public and press take a moment now to mute their phones in order to limit outside noise and ensure the Council members can clearly communicate with one another. In addition to the public and press on line, the Council members are present either telephonically or in person. For the Council members, voting today will be done by roll call so that each vote can be properly documented. I would ask that each Council member refrain from talking over other members and unless a member is speaking, that they also mute their microphone or telephone to reduce noise. Thank you in advance for following these instructions.

Business of the Day:

Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution Approving the Extension of the Mayor's Executive Order, 2020-01, Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency in the City of Hobart: The Resolution was read. Attorney McCarthy explained that this Resolution will provide the Mayor the authority to extend his Executive Order 2020-01, issued on March 24, 2020 which declared a local disaster Emergency until such time he determines that the spread of COVID19 no longer poses a threat to the City. Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Waldrop, to approve Resolution 2020-08 as presented. Roll Call Vote taken. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

Announcements: Mr. Snedecor stated the City will continue to encourage the public to get outside into the fresh air and get some exercise while continuing to practice social distancing. He also noted that there is a Red Cross blood drive scheduled for March 31st at the PCC and thanked the public for their support of this effort, noting all the slots for donating blood have been filled at this time but be watching for additional blood drives in the future.

Mr. Snedecor also thanked TradeWinds who have reconfigured their production lines to begin making additional safety equipment for health care workers and first responders; thanked Councilman Wells for his efforts along with the local ministers, by assembling a standard form for all to use if residents need help with food, medical supplies, transportation and the like; and thanked the employees of the City who have stepped up in response to this emergency.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Claussen, seconded by Mr. Maggio, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


SECRETARY


PRESIDING OFFICER