

October 3, 2022

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Pledge

Councilman Galloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present All present

Minutes – September 7, 2022, Budget Workshop

Mayor Dermody stated each member received an advance copy of the minutes from the budget workshop and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Councilman Galloway moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

Minutes – September 19, 2022, Council Meeting

Mayor Dermody stated each member received an advance copy of the minutes from the previous meeting and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Councilman Galloway moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilman Franke and unanimously carried.

Petitions and Comments of Citizens

City of La Porte MS4 Coordinator Lori Larson, along with City of La Porte GIS Coordinator Tucker King presented a trophy several of our fine City of La Porte Employees won in a paddle race over the weekend. Mayor Dermody noted once again La Porte came out on top over Michigan City. Ms. Larson noted the race was part of an educational fundraiser.

Standing Committee Reports

Diversity and Inclusion Commission: Councilman Franke reported the Diversity and Inclusion Commission met Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Planning was done for future events starting with the Trunk or Treat on October 19, 2022.

Sustainability Commission: Councilman Franke reported the Sustainability Commission met Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Although there was not a quorum City Engineer Nick Minich, Todd Taylor and Mr. Franke discussed future sustainability initiatives.

Redevelopment Commission: Councilman Franke reported the Redevelopment Commission met on September 28, 2022, at 5:15 P.M. in

Council Chambers. Monthly claims were approved along with transfers within the budget. Baker Tilly gave their annual update on the TIFs.

Park Board: Councilwoman Feikes reported Park Board met Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Park Office at 4:00 P.M. The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association awarded the Park and Recreation Department the Lorri E. Kovitz accessibility award for the inclusivity of the kayak launch. Nick Pierce, of Aquatic Control attended the meeting to give the annual report. In both surveys conducted in May and August, neither survey detected any Eurasian watermilfoil or other invasives in Clear Lake for the fifth consecutive year. Future management will consist of selective spot treatments for Eurasian watermilfoil wherever necessary. Board approval was given for the Civic Auditorium HVAC improvements along with the drawings and layouts for the Clear Lake Greenway. The Park Department will be signing an agreement with SHE to do a feasibility study regarding adding a second, larger lodge on Stone Lake. With funding from the Healthcare Foundation, a memo of understanding will be entered into with the Jumpstart Program which is a software fundraising tool that will help generate revenue. Permission was given for the Indiana Tree Climbing Competition, hosted by the Indiana Arborists Association, to submit a bid to host their tree climbing event on the park grounds in front of the park office next year sometime between late August to early October. A \$100 per event usage fee was set for the disc golf course at Kesling Park. The November Park board meeting has been moved to Wednesday November 9, 2022, due to Mark Schreiber and Pam Carroll attending the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association conference. The Park Department has started the process of preparing a new five-year master plan and is encouraging all residents to take the online survey available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRPCY22. The survey is available through October 7, 2022. The master plan reflects the desires and needs of the community; therefore, citizens responses are very important.

Traffic Commission: Councilwoman Feikes reported Traffic Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the Police Station.

Mayor's Veterans Committee: Councilman Galloway reported the Mayor's Veterans Committee met on September 20, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the Park Department. A Veteran's Day meal at the VFW will be held following the November 11, 2022, Veterans Day Celebration.

Police Merit Commission: Councilwoman Galloway reported the Police Merit Commission will be meeting on October 11, 2022.

Fire Merit Commission: Councilwoman West reported the next Fire Merit Commission meeting will be held on October 5, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Fire Station #1.

Business Improvement District: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Business Improvement District will be meeting on Tuesday October 11, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Urban Enterprise Association: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Urban Enterprise Association will be meeting Wednesday October 19, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. at the LEAP office.

Historic Preservation Commission: Councilwoman Konieczny reported in conjunction with Indiana Landmarks, the La Porte Historic Preservation Commission will be co-sponsoring a hands-on workshop on the basics of historic window construction and restoration. Councilwoman Konieczny reported the workshop will cover common problems, best practices and materials for repair, restoration tips and ways to improve energy efficiency. Councilwoman Konieczny reported this workshop will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. Central Standard Time at the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte. Councilwoman Konieczny reported tickets are free for Indiana Landmarks members and are \$5.00 for the General Public; preregistration is required for this event and a link to the event can be found on the Historic Preservation Commission's page on the City of La Porte website. Councilwoman Konieczny reported the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be on October 18, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Airport Authority: Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Airport Authority registration is now full for the ScarePort Event on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. Central Standard Time. The next Airport Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:15 P.M. at the Airport.

Second and final reading of an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Civil City Budget

Councilman Vincent moved to read an Ordinance for the second time by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Civil City Budget by title only.

Motion/Vote: Councilwoman Feikes made a motion to adopt an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Civil City Budget; motion was seconded by Councilman Cutler and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2022
AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2023
CIVIL CITY BUDGET

Second and final reading of an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Redevelopment Commission Budget
Councilwoman West moved to read an Ordinance for the second time by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman West read an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Redevelopment Commission Budget in by title only.

Motion/Vote: Councilman Vincent made a motion to adopt an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Redevelopment Commission Budget; motion was seconded by Councilwoman West and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2022
AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2023
REDEVELOPEMENT COMMISSION BUDGET

Second and final reading of an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Airport Budget
Councilwoman Konieczny moved to read an Ordinance for the second time by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Konieczny read an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Airport Budget by title only.

Motion/Vote: Councilman Galloway made a motion to adopt and Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2023 Budget; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2022
AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2023
AIRPORT BUDGET

Introduction of an Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers And Employees of The City of La Porte, Indiana, For the Year 2023
Councilwoman Cutler moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilman Franke and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Cutler read an Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers And Employees of The City of La Porte, Indiana, For the Year 2023 in its entirety. The second reading will take place at the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Introduction of an Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials of The City of La Porte from The General Fund, For the Year 2023
Councilwoman Feikes moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Feikes read an Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials of The City of La Porte from The General Fund, For the Year 2023 in its entirety. The second reading will take place at the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Introduction of a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within The 2022 Budgets
Councilman Galloway moved to read a Resolution for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Galloway read a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within The 2022 Budgets in its entirety.

Motion/Vote: Councilman Franke made a motion to adopt a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the 2022 Budgets; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-2022
A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE 2022 BUDGETS

Other Business

Mayor Dermody noted the election is drawing close and he hopes the public is listening to which candidates are supportive of the corridor and the 39 North annexation. Mayor Dermody stated the solution the County has proposed to get truck traffic off Lincolnway is poor at best. Mayor Dermody would like to invite anyone interested in contacting City Engineer Nick Minich to do so. Mr. Minich has done extensive research on the best route for the truck traffic and why it needs to be out of our downtown. Councilman Franke noted the Downtown Spooktacular will be held Saturday October 8, 2022. Fall Clean Up is November 7-11, 2022 on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Councilman Galloway shared cleanup at Patton Cemetery will be held November 5, 2022 with more information to come.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilman Galloway moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

Approve: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: October 17, 2022