

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Pledge

La Porte High School Student, Timothy Knoll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: All present

Minutes

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. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman West and unanimously carried.

Petitions and Comments of Citizens

Charity Hlavsa, 403 Willow Bend Drive - reminded Council the La Porte Small Business Coalition along with the Collective will be once again holding the Artisan Market on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the Civic Auditorium. The Santa Parade is on Friday November 25, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.

Dakota Euler, 301 Pine Lake Avenue - spoke to Council in support of the Bare Bones Riverfront Alcohol Permit.

Standing Committee Reports

Redevelopment Commission:

Councilman Franke reported the Redevelopment Commission met October 26, 2022. City of La Porte Director of Community Planning and Development Craig Phillips shared an update on the Monroe Streetscape Design. City Attorney Nick Minich gave an update on the Clear Lake Project. There will be a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Commission and the Business Improvement District on November 14, 2022.

Park Board: Councilwoman Feikes reported Park Board met Wednesday, October 19, 4:00 P.M at the Park Office. The board approved to expand the language in the Park Department's "Zero Tolerance Policy" to include basketball and park personnel. A reminder that the 35th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at the Civic Auditorium this Friday, November 11, 2022, at 10:30 A.M. "The Collective" Small Business Saturday Artisan Market will again be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the Civic Auditorium. Due to Mark Schreiber and Pam Carroll attending the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference, the Park Board will be meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. at the Park Office.

Mayor's Veterans Committee: Councilman Galloway reported the Mayor's Veterans Committee will host the 35th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2022, at 10:00 A.M at the La Porte Civic Auditorium. Donuts will be served at 9:00 A.M and a lunch will follow the ceremony at the VFW from 12 P.M until 2 P.M. The next Mayor's Veterans Committee meeting will be held March 13, 2023.

Fire Merit Commission: Councilwoman West reported Fire Merit Commission met on November 2, 2022. They reported the annual performance ratings are proceeding ahead of schedule and should be done in advance of the December 10, 2022, deadline. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Fire Station #1 on 18th Street.

Business Improvement District: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Business Improvement District meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Urban Enterprise Association: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Urban Enterprise Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. at the LEAP offices.

Alcohol Beverage Review Commission: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Alcohol Beverage Review Commission met on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. to review an application from Bare Bones, LLC. The Commission unanimously approved to recommend to the City Council approval of the application for a Three-Way Riverfront District alcohol permit.

Historic Preservation Committee:
Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Historic Preservation Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Airport Authority:
Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Airport Authority will meet on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:15 P.M. at the airport.

Petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of La Porte, Indiana – Hester J.W. Muller Revocable Trust:
Councilman Vincent made a motion to read a petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of La Porte, Indiana; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read a petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of La Porte, Indiana – Hester J.W. Muller Revocable Trust. City Attorney Nick Otis stated the voluntary

annexation is for two parcels immediately adjacent to city limits totaling 34.2 acres.

Petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of La Porte, Indiana – The Cemetery Pine Lake Association, Midwest Like-Kind Exchange, Inc. and Edward J. Loniewski & Carol A. Loniewski:

Councilman Franke made a motion to read a petition for Voluntary Annexation in the City of La Porte, Indiana; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Franke read a petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of La Porte, Indiana – The Cemetery Pine Lake Association, Midwest Like-Kind Exchange, Inc., and Edward J. Loniewski & Carol A. Loniewski. City Attorney Nick Otis noted these are voluntary annexations and he will work with the Clerk Treasurer's Office on the timeline. These parcels are on the north side of Severs Road.

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Establishing Stop Signs (both Northbound and Southbound) on Whispering Boulevard at its Intersection with Allison Lane and at its intersection with Ohio Street
Councilman Vincent made a motion to read an Ordinance for the last time by title only; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read an Ordinance Establishing Stop Signs (both Northbound and Southbound) on Whispering Boulevard at its Intersection with Allison Lane and at its intersection with Ohio Street by title only.

Motion/Vote: Councilman Galloway made a motion to adopt an Ordinance Establishing Stop Signs (both Northbound and Southbound) on Whispering Boulevard at its Intersection with Allison Lane and at its Intersection with Ohio Street; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2022

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS (BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND) ON WHISPERING BOULEVARD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALLISON LANE AND AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH OHIO STREET

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Stop Sign on Lake Shore Drive at the Intersection of Greenleaf and Illinois Avenue
Councilwoman Feikes moved to read an Ordinance for the second time by title only; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Feikes read an Ordinance Establishing a Stop Sign on Lake Shore Drive at the Intersection of Greenleaf and Illinois Avenue by title only.

Motion/Vote: Councilman Galloway made a motion to adopt an Ordinance Establishing a Stop Sign on Lake Shore Drive at the Intersection of Greenleaf and Illinois Avenue; motion was seconded by Councilwoman West and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2022
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN ON LAKE SHORE DRIVE AT
THE INTERSECTION OF GREENLEAF AND ILLINOIS AVENUE

Introduction of an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Water Department

Councilman Galloway moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Galloway read an Ordinance Approving the 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Water Department in its entirety. Second and final reading will take place at the November 21, 2022, meeting.

Introduction of an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Wastewater/Stormwater Department

Councilwoman West moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman West read an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Wastewater/Stormwater Department in its entirety. Second and final reading will take place at the November 21, 2022, meeting.

Introduction of an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Unrestricted (Fund 2256)

Councilman Franke moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilman Vincent and unanimously carried. Councilman Franke moved to read an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Unrestricted (Fund 2256) in its entirety. Second and final reading will take place at the November 21, 2022, meeting. City Attorney

Nick Otis stated all communities across Indiana will be receiving funds and the Ordinance is to establish the fund as to where the money will go when received.

Introduction of an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Restricted (Fund 2257)

Councilwoman Konieczny moved to read an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilwoman West and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Konieczny read an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Restricted (Fund 2257) in its entirety. Second and final reading will take place at the November 21, 2022, meeting. City Attorney Nick Otis noted the restricted fund will be used for specific things as laid out by the State of Indiana.

Introduction of a Resolution of the Common Council of La Porte, Indiana, Approving Application for a Municipal Riverfront Alcohol Permit Filed by Bare Bones, LLC

Councilwoman Cutler moved to read a Resolution for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilman Vincent and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Cutler read a Resolution of the Common Council of La Porte, Indiana, Approving Application for a Municipal Riverfront Alcohol Permit Filed by Bare Bones, LLC in its entirety. Executive Director La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership, Bert Cook noted this will be the third license we have done this year if approved. Mr. Cook noted the focus is on dining experience. This is not for bars. Bare Bones is requesting to go from a two-way license to a three-way license.

Motion/Vote

Councilman Franke made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the Common Council of La Porte, Indiana, Approving Application for a Municipal Riverfront Alcohol Permit Filed by Bare Bones, LLC; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-28-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF LA PORTE, INDIANA,
APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT ALCOHOL
PERMIT FILED BY BARE BONES, LLC

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

Motion/Vote

Councilwoman Galloway made a motion to adopt a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the 2022 Budget; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-29-2022
A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE 2022 BUDGET

Other Business

Councilman Galloway noted the new deck at the VFW is now complete. Mayor Dermody thanked NIPSCO, Fire, Police, and the Street Department for the hard work that was put in during the windstorm. Mayor Dermody reminded everyone to vote on Election Day and pack the Civic on Friday at the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Adjourn

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

Approved: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: November 21, 2022