

**May 18, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Monday May 18, 2020 at 6pm.

**Pledge**

Councilwoman Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Present:** Galloway, Brown, Feikes, West, Cutler, Franke and Vincent

**Absent:** None

**Minutes**

As each Council member received an advance copy of the minutes from the previous meeting, Mayor Dermody asked for a motion to approve the same. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler. The Mayor asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved and submitted.

**Council Appointment to the Economic Development Commission**

Councilwoman Cutler moved to reappoint Kevin Gould to the Economic Development Commission; motion seconded by Councilman Franke and unanimously carried. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, Kevin Gould was approved to be reappointed to the Economic Development Commission.

**Second & Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 18-2019 of the City of La Porte, Indiana to Establish Salary for a New Position in the Engineering Department and Amending the Salary for the Administrative Assistant**

Councilwoman Feikes moved to read an Ordinance for the second and final time by title only; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Feikes read an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 18-2019 of the City of La Porte, Indiana to Establish Salary for a New Position in the Engineering Department and Amending the Salary for the Administrative Assistant by title only. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, He asked for a motion to adopt.

**Motion/Vote – Adopt Ordinance 7-2020**

Councilwoman Cutler moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE 7-2020**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-2019 OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA TO ESTABLISH SALARY FOR NEW POSITIONS IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**Second & Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 6-10 - Dangerous Animals for the City of La Porte, Indiana**

Councilman Franke moved to read an Ordinance for the second and final time by title only; motion seconded by Councilman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilman Franke read an Ordinance Amending Section 6-10 - Dangerous Animals for the City of La Porte, Indiana by title only. Councilman Franke gave a brief overview of the Ordinance. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, he asked for a motion to adopt.

**Motion/Vote – Adopt Ordinance 8-2020**

Councilwoman Feikes moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE 8-2020**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-10 - DANGEROUS ANIMALS FOR THE CITY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA**

**Introduction of a Resolution Approving Use of Enterprise Zone Investment Deduction Credits Within a Tax Increment Financing District**

Councilwoman Cutler moved to introduce a Resolution for the first and final time; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Cutler read a Resolution Approving Use of Enterprise Zone Investment Deduction Credits Within a Tax Increment Financing District in its entirety.

Bert Cook, Executive Director of LEAP, gave a brief overview of this Resolution.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, he asked for a motion to adopt.

**Motion/Vote – Adopt Resolution R-7-2020**

Councilman Franke moved to adopt the Resolution as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION R-7-2020**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE INVESTMENT DEDUCTION CREDITS  
WITHIN A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

**Introduction of an Ordinance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds ( F&C Development, Inc. Project), and the Lending of the Proceeds Thereof to Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto**

Councilman Vincent moved to introduce an Ordinance for the first reading; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read the Introduction of an Ordinance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of La Porte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds ( F&C Development Inc. Project), and the Lending of

the Proceeds Thereof to Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto in its entirety.

Bert Cook apologized to Councilman Vincent for having to read the entire Ordinance when in fact it is the same Ordinance that was passed last meeting with the only change was Item #10. There are a couple steps that need to happen before this Ordinance can be approved such as going before the La Porte Economic Development Commission before the next Council meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, he stated the second and final reading of the Ordinance will take place at the next regular Council meeting.

### **Introduction of an Ordinance Establishing Fund 150 Transit-COVID and Fund 151 CDBG-COVID**

Councilwoman Brown moved to introduce an Ordinance for the first time; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Brown read Ordinance Establishing Fund 150 Transit-COVID and Fund 151 CDBG-COVID in its entirety.

Clerk-Treasurer Parthun stated that the State Board of Accounts requires us to have separate funds for any Federal or State reimbursements received for COVID.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. As there were none, he stated the second and final reading of the Ordinance will take place at the next regular Council meeting.

### **Road Program Presentation**

Nick Minich, Director of Engineering, presented an overview of the City's Road Paving Program. La Porte has 118 miles of City Streets to maintain. Since 2016, the City has addressed just over 43 miles of road paving and maintenance. Mr. Minich advised paving can cost anywhere between \$100-\$200K per mile. The City has an Asset Management Program in place which allows us to assess a Paser rating to each road. The software program will analyze and assess the lifetime and necessary maintenance needs of each road. There is a Paser Rating Scoring System that rates roads on a scale from 1-10. Currently, La Porte's Paser Rating score is a 5.7 and our goal is to be at a 7.0 by 2023. He noted our paving money comes from the Community Crossing Grant from the State of Indiana, a 50/50 grant. Federal Grants are 80/20 match which can only be used on certain streets, for very specific projects. The City's match for these grants come from the Wheel Tax paid at the BMV when registering a vehicle. The City receives about \$500,000 in Wheel Tax annually. We also have a Street Maintenance Fee that is \$2.00 on each resident's monthly utility bill. Mr. Minich stated that our Spring and Summer 2020 Paving will be starting soon and will include \$1.29 million to improve 3.54 miles. The following streets are part of the Spring/Summer Paving Plan: Plain, Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hillcrest, Cook, Bosserman, Southwest, Evergreen, Edgewood, Southmoor, Hines, Pulaski, Maple Garden and Lake Shore Drive. The Paving Program for Fall of 2020 and Spring of 2021 will include about \$2million to improve 5.8 miles including: Melrose, Fairfield, Linden, Silverbrook, Greenwood, Oakdale, Grandview, Neisen, Richmond, Kosciusko, 14<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, McCollum, Jackson, Oregon, K, Daytona, Illinois, Plummer, Woodward, Chestnut and Laurel.

Councilman Franke and Councilwoman Feikes thanked Mr. Minich for putting together a presentation that was informational and easy to follow.

**Other Business**

Councilwoman West stated the Fire Merit Commission extended the date to turn in applications was May 1<sup>st</sup> and the mental aptitude would take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman West mentioned that Darrell Crites resigned from his position on the Commission and the Board would need to appoint someone to fill the rest of his term which ends on December 21, 2021.

Tom Casey, City Planner, gave an update on the Tibma Bakery Demolition Project advising the City is currently waiting for the Environmental Report. Once complete, bids for demolition of the property will be solicited.

The Mayor stated the sidewalks along Pine Lake Avenue need to be cleared of grass and if any residents along Pine Lake Avenue need help with grass removal, they should contact the Code Enforcement Department.

The Mayor announced our Spring Clean Up is scheduled for the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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: June 1,2020**