

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Pledge

Councilman Galloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Vincent, Councilman Galloway, Councilwoman Cutler, Councilwoman West, Councilwoman Konieczny

Absent: Councilman Franke, Councilwoman Feikes

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. Councilman Vincent moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Konieczny and unanimously carried.

Petitions and Comments of Citizens

Sierra Sue Jesch, Jefferson Ave – Ms. Jesch asked next year that the Veteran's Day Ceremony be better advertised.

Standing Committee Reports

Mayor's Veterans Committee: Councilman Galloway reported the Veterans Day Program held at the La Porte Civic Auditorium went well and was very well attended. The next Mayor's Veterans Committee meeting will be held March 13, 2023.

Fire Merit Commission: Councilwoman West reported the next Fire Merit Commission 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 met Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. At the meeting Director of Community Development and Planning, Craig Philips and Joel Baldin of Hitchcock Design Group presented an update on Monroe Landing and future Downtown streetscaping plans. Members of the Redevelopment Commission were also in attendance to view design examples of future light poles, planters, sidewalks, benches, and trash receptacles. Phase 1 of the project area will focus on Design standards and a pattern book of the streetscape design ideas. The next meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022, 5:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Urban Enterprise Association: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Urban Enterprise Association met on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. at the LEAP offices. Members held a brief session to discuss yearly planning and to review the 2023

budget; followed by the regularly scheduled meeting. The 2023 budget was approved, as well as two business grants and the 2023 contracts for Code Enforcement and the Zone Consultant. Farmers Market and Event Coordinator Contracts will be on the next claim docket. There will be no meeting held in December.

Alcohol Beverage Review Commission: Councilwoman Cutler reported the Alcohol Beverage Review Commission will next meet on Thursday December 1, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall to review an application submitted by Bon Viet.

Historic Preservation Committee:

Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Historic Preservation Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 20, 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. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 5:15 P.M. at the airport.

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Water Department

Councilman Galloway moved to read an Ordinance for the final time by title only; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilman Galloway read an Ordinance Approving the 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Water Department by title only.

Motion/Vote:

Councilman Vincent made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Water Department; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2022
ORDINANCE APPROVING 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LAPORTE WATER
DEPARTMENT

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Wastewater/Stormwater Department

Councilwoman West moved to read an Ordinance for the final time by title only; 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 by title only.

Motion/Vote:

Councilman Vincent made a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving 2023 Budget for the City of La Porte Wastewater/Stormwater Department; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2022
ORDINANCE APPROVING 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LA PORTE
WASTEWATER/STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Unrestricted (Fund 2256)

Councilman Vincent moved to read an Ordinance for the final time by title only; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Unrestricted (Fund 2256) by title only. 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.

Motion/Vote:

Councilman Vincent made a motion to approve an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Unrestricted (fund 2256); motion was seconded by Councilwoman West and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2022
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OPIOID FUND – UNRESTRICTED (FUND 2256)

Second and final reading of an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Restricted (Fund 2257)

Councilwoman Konieczny moved to read an Ordinance for the final time by title only; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Konieczny read an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Restricted (Fund 2257) by title only. City Attorney Nick Otis noted the restricted fund will be used for specific things as laid out by the State of Indiana.

Motion/Vote:

Councilman Vincent made a motion to approve an Ordinance Establishing Opioid Fund – Restricted (Fund 2257); motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2022
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OPIOID FUND – RESTRICTED (FUND 2257)

Introduction of a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the 2022 Budget

Councilman Vincent moved to read a Resolution for the first time in its entirety; motion was seconded by Councilman Galloway and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read a Resolution to Transfer Funds Within the 2022 Budget in its entirety.

Motion/Vote

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-2022
A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE 2022 BUDGET

Other Business

Mayor Dermody thanked the community for their efforts to help those who are less fortunate. There were one thousand turkeys given out today in La Porte County. Five hundred in Michigan City and five hundred in La Porte. Mayor Dermody reminded everyone of the free Thanksgiving Dinner at the American Legion put on by the Sales Family. The dinner will start at 12:00 P.M. and run until 2:00 P.M. City Attorney Nick Otis stated the La Porte Educational Development Foundation Turkey Trot will take place 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving morning starting at City Hall. Mayor Dermody noted leaf pick up will continue. The early snow and late leaf drop has caused a slight delay.

Charity Hlavsa from the Small Business Coalition stated the Santa Parade will be held Saturday at 3:00 P.M. followed by the tree lighting at the Plaza. Ms. Hlavsa also noted the cookie tins for the cookie walk are on sale now. The Cookie Walk is December 10, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. She encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy La Porte and support our Small Businesses on Small Business Saturday.

Adjourn

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

Approved: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: December 5, 2022