August 7, 2023

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Konieczny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galloway, West, Konieczny, Feikes, Cutler, Vincent, and Franke

Absent: None

Approval of 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 noted that Heather Stevens name was spelled incorrectly. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the minutes as corrected; motion seconded by Councilman Franke and unanimously carried.

Petitions and Comments of Citizens

Sierra Sue Jesch, Jefferson Avenue, discussed her concerns with the tree lawns. There are many areas on Detroit Street and Washington Street with branches that are very low.

Robert Wayner, 412 Niles Street discussed his concerns about an abandoned vehicle that has been sitting for the last six weeks. He mentioned there have been many vehicle break-ins in the area recently. He would like to see some trees trimmed around stop signs and is concerned about the storm drains that continue to back up.

Keri Marrs Barron - 205 North Street, Mike Phillips - 801 E Jefferson, Tammy Lorence - 311 Rumely, Aurelio Meloza - 204 North Street, and Regina Wawok - 211 Allen Street all addressed the Council with their questions and concerns on the low incoming housing development coming to their neighborhood.

Standing Committee Reports

Park Board: Councilwoman Feikes reported the Park Board met Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. at the Park Office. A discussion was had regarding the new Stone Lake Lodge and the Kesling Park Ball Diamonds expansion/renovation. Mark Schreiber is looking at income estimates to finalize costs and financing for both projects. Permission was given for parking on the grass and extension of park hours at Soldiers