**July 18, 2022**

The Common Council of the City of La Porte met in regular session Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

**Pledge**

Councilwoman West led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present** Feikes, West, Galloway, Cutler, Franke, Vincent, Konieczny

**Absent** None

**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**

Sierra Sue Jesch, Jefferson Avenue addressed the Council regarding the Qualified Census Tract also referred to as “City Triangle.” Ms. Jesch asked about the Community Development Block Grant Homeowner Repair Program and the Urban Enterprise Association Homeowner Repair Program. Mayor Dermody, Councilwoman Cutler, and Clerk-Treasurer Parthun explained both programs to her and advised she speak with Mary Ann Richards who is the entry point person for both programs.

Robert Cichon, 3516 W. Small Court addressed the Council regarding the Airport Annexation. He advised the Council to follow all the rules and really think about the impact of annexations before making any decisions.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**School Board:** Councilman Franke reported the School Board met on July 11, 2022. Topics for discussion were the new $7 million bus garage that will be going on Boyd Blvd, new HVAC systems at Crichfield and Kingsford Heights, along with new tables and chairs at La Porte High School.

**Diversity and Inclusion Commission:** Councilman Franke reported the Diversity and Inclusion Commission will meet July 28, 2022 in the Council Chambers.

**Redevelopment Commission:** Councilman Franke reported the Redevelopment Commission will me July 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers.

**Park Board:** Councilwoman Feikes reported Park Board will meet on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Park Office.

**Traffic Commission:** Councilwoman Feikes reported Traffic Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Police Station

**Police Merit Commission:** Councilman Galloway reported Police Merit Commission met Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at the Police Station. The new generator is still not running as they are waiting on parts. Officer Tristan Kajer and Officer Tyler Atkinson will be headed to Academy on August 8, 2022.

**Business Improvement District Board:** Councilwoman Cutler reported the next Business Improvement District meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall.

**Urban Enterprise Association:** Councilwoman Cutler reported there will be no meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at the La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership office.

**Planning Commission:** Councilwoman West reported the Planning Commission met on July 12, 2022 in Council Chambers. The Planning Commission approved a favorable recommendation on the preliminary and final plat to the Board of Public Works and Safety on re-subdividing the Tibma Bakery property into 5 lots.

**Fire Merit Commission:** Councilwoman West reported Fire Merit Commission will meet August 3, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at Fire Station No. 1.

**Historic Preservation Commission:**  Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in Council Chambers

**Airport Authority:** Councilwoman Konieczny reported the Air Fair will return on August 6-7, 2022. The event will run from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. each day. Rides will be available to purchase for both the PT-26A and the C-45. Also featured at the air fare will be aviation career booths, antique care display, the La Porte County Library Mobile Classroom, Craft Vendors, Food Trucks, Kona Ice, and much more. Don’t forget to attend the pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 7th from 7:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. 97.6 The Eagle will be broadcasting on Saturday and Rock 106.5 will be present on Sunday. Councilwoman Konieczny reported fuel sales remain strong even with the rising prices.

**Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 24-2021, Ordinance No. 1-2022, Ordinance No. 4-2022, Ordinance No. 5-2022, and Ordinance No. 8-2022 to Amend Salaries in the Transporte Department, Urban Tree Canopy Grant and Police Department**

Councilwoman Feikes moved to read an Ordinance for the second time by title only; motion seconded by Councilman Franke and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Feikes read an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 24-2021, Ordinance No. 1-2022, Ordinance No. 4-2022, Ordinance No. 5-2022 and Ordinance No. 8-2022 to Amend Salaries in the Transporte Department, Urban Tree Canopy Grant and Police Department by title only

**Motion/Vote to Adopt**

Councilman Galloway made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 24-2021, Ordinance No. 1-2022, Ordinance No. 4-2022, Ordinance No. 5-2022 and Ordinance No. 8-2022 to Amend Salaries in the Transporte Department, Urban Tree Canopy Grant and Police Department; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Feikes an unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2022**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-2021, ORDINANCE NO. 1-2022, ORDINANCE NO. 4-2022, ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022 AND ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022 TO AMEND SALARIES IN THE TRANSPORTE DEPARTMENT, URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**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: August 1, 2022**