Mayor Uran called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Uran asked for a roll call of the Members. The call of the roll was as follows:
Members Present: Chad Jeffries, Dawn Stokes, Carol Drasga, Andrew Kyres, Laura Sauerman, Zack Bryan and Council President Scott Evorik (Zoom).

Absent: None

Also present were City Attorney David Nicholls, Council Attorney Pat Schuster, Clerk-Treasurer David Benson, and Deputy Clerk Sheri Herma.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Regular Meeting on April 5, 2021.

Member Andrew Kyres motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 5, 2021, seconded by Member Laura Sauerman.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. READING OF AGENDA

Mayor Uran read the agenda.

E. ADDITION OF NEW ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

None at this time.

F. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SRF DISTRIBUTIONS

Member Zack Bryan reported that he reviewed the claims and the SRF Distributions for the period. They all appear to be in the normal course of City business, and therefore, moved to approve the claims and SRF Distributions, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

G. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None at this time.
H. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Employee of the Month

Records Clerk Kim Housley was awarded Employee of the Month.

Kim is a 15-year employee of the Crown Point Police Department with previous experience as a 911 dispatcher.

On March 28th, Kim came upon an accident with a vehicle on fire. Kim pulled the injured driver from the burning vehicle saving his life. The driver Tony and his mother Mona Garcia attended the meeting via Zoom to see Kim receive her award and thank her.

H. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski had nothing at this time. Greg was wished a Happy Birthday.

• Establishing a City Council Parking Committee

Council President Scott Evorik reported that a Parking Committee was created consisting of Members Drasga, Sauerman, and Stokes. Member Zack Bryan is an alternate if needed during an absence. Mayor Uran said meetings will be forthcoming.

J. APPOINTMENTS

None at this time.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

L. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

M. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2021-05-06 – An Ordinance Creating a New Fund (Fund #125) for the Next Level Trails Grant Funds. First Reading.

Chief of Staff Greg Falkowski reported that the City was awarded a Grant for just under three million dollars from the DNR and the State of Indiana for the Next Level Trails Grant Funds. This would create Fund #125.

Member Scott Evorik motioned to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-05-06, seconded by Member Zack Bryan.

Member Laura Sauerman complimented everyone involved and Mayor Uran complimented the Council Members who were involved as well. Member Andrew Kyres said this will connect us with other communities.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Ordinance No. 2021-05-09 – Additional Appropriations – Next Level Trails Grant Fund. Public Hearing and First Reading. (Ordinance number is out of sequence order.)

Mayor Uran opened up the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-05-09. After no comments or questions, Mayor Uran closed the Public Hearing portion.

Member Andrew Kyres motioned to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading Ordinance No. 2021-05-09, seconded by Member Carol Drasga.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-05-07 – An Ordinance Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. First Reading.

Mayor Uran introduced the Ordinance necessary for establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund.

Member Chad Jeffries motioned to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second reading Ordinance No. 2021-05-07, seconded by Member Laura Sauerman.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-05-10 - Additional Appropriations – ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Public Hearing and First Reading. (Ordinance number is out of sequence order.)

Mayor Uran opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-05-09. After no comments or questions, Mayor Uran closed the Public Hearing portion.

Member Laura Sauerman motioned to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second reading Ordinance No. 2021-05-10, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.


Planning Administrator Anthony Schlueter reported that back in 2018, the City went through the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan. Once completed, we went through the process of updating our subdivision zoning codes.

Laura of Robinson Engineering was present to further explain the process and its undertaking with further discussion of clarification with Council Members.

Member Zack Bryan motioned to Read in Title Only and Hold Over for Second Reading Ordinance No. 2021-05-08, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval for Individual Sale of City Flags - Residential or Commercial Use – Mayor David D. F. Uran. This was approved at the 04/21/21 Board of Works Meeting.

Mayor Uran brought in front of the Council for their consideration the individual sale of City flags for $45.00. This was approved by the Board of Public Works and
Safety during the 4-21-21 meeting.

Motion to Approve was made by Member Laura Sauerman, seconded by Member Carol Drasga.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Various Special Event Fees** – Diana Bosse/Special Events Director. *This was approved at the 04/21/21 Board of Works Meeting.*

Special Events Director Diana Bosse brought in front of the Council for their approval a list of various Special Event Fees.

This was approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety during the 4-21-21 meeting.

The 4th of July Committee has recently dissolved, turning over the responsibilities of the parade and fireworks to the City.

Motion to Approve was made by Member Laura Sauerman, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.


Member Laura Sauerman informed the Council about the previous Tax Abatement meeting involving this address.

Owners Dan Churilla of 844 Whitehawk Drive and Jesse Spain of 833 Alderbrook Drive were absent during the Tax Abatement Meeting but were present for the Council meeting.

Both were represented by their Attorney Dan Zamudio of 233 S. Colfax, Griffith, Indiana.

The business is a metal fabrication factory for architectural sheet metal employing five full time workers and are seeking a ten-year abatement.

Further discussion took place about this area of businesses.

Member Laura Sauerman made a motion to approve the ten-year abatement for Resolution No. 2021-05-11R, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Resolution No. 2021-05-12R – A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Crown Point, Indiana, Waiving Non-compliance with Requirements of the Economic Revitalization Area Statute. (IC §6-1.1-12.1-11.3) This is for 800 E. Porter Street.

Member Laura Sauerman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-12R for waiving the non-compliance, seconded by Member Andrew Kyres.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution No. 2021-05-13R – A Resolution Approving or Denying Action of the BZA Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-918.6. Larry Hall, Petitioner/10940 Delaware Parkway, LLC. Owner received a FAVORABLE recommendation for a Special Use to allow a Private Recreational Facility (Pickle Ball) in an I-1 Industrial District, located at 10960 Delaware Parkway, at the April 26, 2021, BZA Meeting.

Larry Hall of 10716 Maloney Drive, St John, Indiana was present to address the Council for their approval to begin a pickleball facility at 10940 Delaware Parkway named Pickle Time.

Larry said they plan to have 8 to 12 employees all certified in CPR and AED.

Planning Administrator Anthony Schlueter gave his Staff Report.

Details of the business was discussed with a grand opening date of June 12th.

Member Andrew Kyres made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-13R, seconded by Council President Scott Evorik.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.


Mayor Uran addressed the Council for their approval of the Resolution for the City purchasing property. There are 15 parcels involved.

Member Chad Jeffries made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-14R, seconded by Member Laura Sauerman.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

N.  REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adam said there were no public questions or comment.

Special Events Director Diana Bosse gave her update.

City Hall is now open to the public, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday Talks with Mayor David Uran is taking place tomorrow, May 4th at 11 a.m. We will meet at Courtside by DLux located at 1440 E. Joliet St.

Chief Pete Land will do a brief presentation on the Citizen’s Police Academy.
The National Day of Prayer is taking place this Thursday, May 6th at noon on the East side of the Courthouse steps.

The C.P. Youth Softball and Cal Ripken Baseball Parade is this Saturday, May 8th at 9 a.m. Staging begins at 8:30 a.m., near Lou's Classic Barber Shop on the Northwest corner of the square.

You are welcome to join us as we kick off the summer season.
We are happy to announce that Bulldog Park is open for senior activities and rental opportunities. Residents can contact the Parks Department at 219-661-2271 for more information.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Member Chad Jeffries motioned for adjournment, seconded by Member Dawn Stokes.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

David B. Benson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

David D.F. Uran, Mayor

**Audio available upon request**