

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Souders and Cox present. Also present was City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He presented a sample letter to be sent to property owners who are found to not have working smoke detectors in their house as required by Municipal Code. A reminder will be sent in the Utility bills.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He presented a report on the most recent clean-up week. He note the cost to the City was a net \$3,656.80.

Stamm informed the Board that a grant application that would help pay for required updates to the street signs in the City was submitted this morning.

Stamm noted that he has received 3 quotes for a crack sealing machine. He is still reviewing.

Stamm noted that Bernie Helming, the owner of a property at 5th Street and Washington Street in Huntingburg, contacted him about a drainage problem in the area. Stamm is looking into the problem to see if it is created by collection of stormwater or naturally occurring. Stamm noted the fix could cost \$7,000 just for the pipe.

Stamm informed the Board that he opened truck quotes for a 1 Ton Dump truck and a pickup truck. He indicated that Sternberg quotes were low for both trucks. The low quote for the crew cab pickup truck was \$23,975.00 for a 2014 Dodge. The low quote for the 1 Ton Dump truck was \$37,893.76. The next lowest quote was \$43,482.00 from Washington Chrysler. He indicated that he talked to Sternberg about upgrading the Dump truck to a four wheel drive for an additional \$2,760.00 that would make the total cost \$40,653.00. With the four wheel drive quote still significantly lower than the next

lowest dump truck quote the decision was made to go ahead and get the four wheel drive option.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to accept the low quotes from Sternberg in the amounts of \$23,975.00 for the crew cab pick up truck and \$40,653.00 for the 1 ton 4 x 4 dump truck.

Stamm began a discussion on the purchase of a new tractor; trading the two current tractors in for one tractor that better meets the department's needs. He noted that not all quotes are in but one is in. He plans to use 2013 appropriations to purchase the tractor by committing to the purchase in 2013.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve awarding the tractor purchase noted above with trades to the company with the lowest quote, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Stamm noted that the curb and gutter project on 10th Street is now complete. He requested authorization to send out the invoices to the property owners.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve sending bills to the property owners for the 2013 10th Street curb and gutter project.

Stamm requested permission to attend road school in Indianapolis on December 4, 2013.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve Stamm to attend road school in Indianapolis on December 4, 2013.

Stamm presented the 2014 material bids.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to accept the low bid from Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc. for various sizes of crushed stone as presented.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the low bid of Cave Quarries, Inc. for hot mix asphalt as presented.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to accept the low bid from Synergy for gasoline and diesel fuel as presented.

Code Enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report.

Attorney Schneider indicated that this was the date, time and place advertised for a hearing on an order to vacate and demolish building or structure at 413 N. Jackson Street, in Huntingburg. The property is owned by Santiago and Melissa Salinas. Ms. Salinas was present and indicated that they plan to sell the property and the new owner plans to tear the house down and requested to have until January 27, 2014 to get everything out. Attorney Schneider explained the process and indicated that the City will

present evidence and then she will have the opportunity to present evidence to the Board that will then determine to affirm, modify or dissolve the order.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel swore in Steve Collet, Code Enforcement Officer and Scott Patberg, Fire Chief. Attorney Schneider, Collett and Patberg presented evidence that the residence was:

- 1) So deteriorated and dilapidated as to constitute a fire hazard and a public nuisance
- 2) There exists six inches of standing raw sewage in the crawl space/basement due to defective plumbing in violation of state statutes and ordinances of the City of Huntingburg
- 3) The premises are not being maintained in accordance with Huntingburg Municipal code Chapter 152.07 and state statutes.
- 4) The structure has been determined to be a hazard to firefighters and rescue personnel by the Chief of the Huntingburg Fire Department.
- 5) The structure has been determined to be a threat to public health and to the residents by the Dubois County Health Department.
- 6) Due to the deteriorated and dilapidated condition of the structure, it is a blight on the neighborhood.

Ms. Salinas again requested extra time to vacate the property.

The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to modify the order to allow the Salinas family to vacate the premises by January 12, 2014 and to demolish the structure by February 28, 2014.

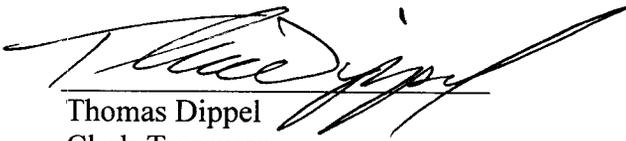
Attorney Schneider informed the Board of the need to consider the awarding of a contract for the demolition of the Mendel property at 406 E. 1st Avenue, Huntingburg. He noted that the Street Department has determined that they can perform the demolition at a cost comparable to the cost of having an outside firm demolish the structure. Schneider asked if there was anyone present to speak for the property owner, Charles Mendel. No one spoke.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to award the Huntingburg Street Department the contract to demolish the structure at 406 E. 1st Avenue, in Huntingburg.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:33 A.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer