

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
7:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Kissling, McPherron, Blackgrove and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor informed the Council of proposed speed limit changes on Hwy 231 in the City. A map was presented to Council members showing current and proposed speed limits.

The Mayor updated the Council on a possible archery range in the City. He indicated that the Sportsman's Club would be interested in helping the City develop a range. He noted that he met at City Hall with Tim Berg, Josh Morrison, Erin Bell, Council member Kissling and Park Director Rueger to discuss an archery range. He noted there is still interest in an ordinance that allows private ranges in the City. He asked City attorney Schneider to review Jasper's ordinance and prepare one for the Huntingburg Council's review for the October 25, 2012 meeting. The Mayor indicated that measurements have been taken on the east end of Niehaus Park and that an archery range would fit in that area. He noted that Mr. Berg indicated that the Sportsman Club would provide financial support as well.

The Mayor informed the Council that two City Police officers (Byrd and Mullen) are enrolled in national certification courses held by the Indiana State Police in Evansville on November 9, 10, 16 and 17 for child car seat installation.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance for fixing the salaries of elected officers for the year 2013. The Mayor recommended that there be no increase for elected officials.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2012-30 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2013**

The Mayor began a discussion on the proposed wages and salaries for employees of the City of Huntingburg for the year 2013. He noted that items to be discussed would be across the board increases and specific changes that he or department heads suggested.

The Mayor recommended at least a one percent across the board wage increase for employees. The Mayor presented a sheet with additional proposed changes on it (Exhibit A) that he or a department head would like to see changed. Each proposed change was discussed with a change to the proposals being made to the Park Operator/Maintenance to \$18.85 per hour from the original proposed amount of \$17.75 to be more in line with Street Department Operators pay and providing similar pay for similar jobs.

Council Member Kissling proposed changes to the pay for volunteer firefighters. He proposed the following:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Per run	\$25.63	\$25.00
Sunday/Holiday Duty	\$14.86	\$25.00
Meeting	\$12.74	\$15.00

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded McPherron and carried to approve a general rate increase of 1.5% to all positions in the City and additionally make the specific changes as noted in Exhibit A and above. A roll call was taken and those in favor of the motion were Blackgrove, Kissling and McPherron; those not in favor of the motion were Lehr and Summers.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report. Traylor requested permission for John Reutepohler to attend meter school in Mattoon, IL from October 22, 2012 to October 24, 2012.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve sending John Reutepohler to meter school in Mattoon, IL from October 22, 2012 to October 24, 2012.

Attorney Schneider began a discussion of whether the City should consider implementing a meter deposit for industrial and commercial users of utilities. He cited a recent incident where no deposit was required and a company used \$1,500 worth of utilities in a few weeks then when out of business. The Mayor instructed Attorney Schneider to draft an ordinance, for Council consideration, to require a deposit for commercial and industrial utility customers and include in it a provision for refund if the customer shows credit worthiness.

The Council was informed that Huntingburg Partners, LLC is now the owner of the St. Joseph's Hospital property formerly owned by St. Joseph's, LLC which was dissolved. The Mayor noted that one of the partners in the original group now owns the new group. The Mayor indicated that the new owner asked the City to consider drafting an ordinance giving the same incentives to the new company as the original company was offered. The original agreement provided for the company to receive a grant of EDIT funds of up to \$50,000 dependent on investment and other factors. Attorney Schneider was instructed to draft a proposed ordinance.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

COUNCIL MEETING
EXHIBIT A
9/25/12
7:30 P.M.

Police Department		2012	Pays	2012 Wage	Proposed	Pays	2013 Wage	Change
Assistant Chief	Per Week	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ 961.86	52	\$ 50,016.72	\$ 50,016.72 (A)
Sergeant	Per Hour	\$ 21.63	2080	\$ 44,990.40	\$ -	2080	\$ -	\$ (44,990.40) (B)
1st Class Officer (7)	Per Hour	\$ -	2080	\$ -	\$ 20.79	2080	\$ 43,243.20	\$ 43,243.20 (C)

(A) The position of Assistant Chief is added to the department replacing (B) Sergeant. The difference in the rates will result in an estimated increase of \$5,026.

(C) This is an additional officer proposed by Chief Parks

Planning Department		2012	Pays	2012 Wage	Proposed	Pays	2013 Wage	Change
GIS/CAD Tech	Per Hour	\$ 19.44	1820	\$ 35,380.80	\$ 19.44	2080	\$ 40,435.20	\$ 5,054.40 (A)
Code Enforcement	Per Hour	\$ 14.75	1560	\$ 23,010.00	\$ 16.25	1820	\$ 29,575.00	\$ 6,565.00 (B)
City Engineer	Per Hour	\$ 61.00	750	\$ 45,750.00	\$ 61.00	550	\$ 33,550.00	\$ (12,200.00) (C)

(A) This position is proposed to go to full time without a rate increase

(B) The hours for Code Enforcement are proposed to increase by 5 hours per week. The rate proposed by the Mayor is \$1.25 higher than the current rate, based on performance

(C) The hours of the City Engineer will be reduced as the result of the GIS position (A) being full time

Utilities Department		2012	Pays	2012 Wage	Proposed	Pays	2013 Wage	Change
Clerical	Per Hour	\$ 14.37	2080	\$ 29,889.60	\$ 14.37	2080	\$ 29,889.60	\$ - (A)
Clerical	Per Hour	\$ -	2080	\$ -	\$ 1.00	2080	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00 (B)
Clerical	Per Hour	\$ -	2080	\$ -	\$ 1.00	2080	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00 (B)
					\$ 16.37			

(A) & (B) As proposed by the Utility Superintendent, Parks Director and Street Superintendent. Documentation was included in your packet at the last council meeting. The would not be a percentage increase in the position in lieu of the increases from the other departments

Utility Billing		2012	Pays	2012 Wage	Proposed	Pays	2013 Wage	Change
Emergency Disptach	Per Hour	\$ 7.25	3230	\$ 23,417.50	\$ 7.25	3230	\$ 23,417.50	\$ -
Emergency Disptach	Per Hour	\$ 7.25	3230	\$ 23,417.50	\$ 7.25	3230	\$ 23,417.50	\$ -

No increase proposed for these positions

\$1885

Park & Recreation		2012	Pays	2012 Wage	Proposed	Pays	2013 Wage	Change
Park Operator/Maint.	Per Hour	\$ 16.85	2080	\$ 35,048.00	\$ 16.85	2080	\$ 37,128.00	\$ 2,080.00 (A)

(A) Proposed is a \$1 increase in the rate for this position as an attempt to move toward a rate more in-line with similar positions in the Street and Waste Water Department.