

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron 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 Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

This was the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing for the 2014 City Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the proposed budget. Each fund and proposed budget was read. He indicated that the assessed value was estimated low to estimate the rates higher than expected. The estimated budget, levy and tax rate are \$9,120,432.00; \$1,773,855.00 and \$1.2671 per \$100 AV respectively.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-31 entitled:

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE**

Tom Kohler of Real Estate Research Consultants, a GAI Company, presented a report entitled Economic Development Strategy and Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Huntingburg. He was asked to review the 2007 comprehensive plan, do an assessment of the local markets and provide some development options.

James Zellman of Honeywell presented an Energy Infrastructure Improvement and Cost Savings Feasibility Study for the City of Huntingburg. Projects and options were discussed.

The Mayor noted that hours need to be set for Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2013 for Halloween.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31, 2013 between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the Electric and Gas Utility reports.

Reutepohler indicated that the Gas Department is getting ready to lay gas main line in the Brookstone 4 subdivision.

Reutepohler indicated that all 75 digs to verify pipe thickness need to be done by December 31, 2013 in order to comply with the IURC special permit to operate a pipe segment at 200 psig. He noted that if the City gets behind with the digs that USDI has a similar vacuum excavator and that they could help.

Reutepohler informed the Board that a regulator station at Highway 64 and Chestnut Street that has been in place for 15 and never used was taken out. He requested the outdated regulator station and 6 pieces of 4", 42 foot steel pipe with a combined value of less than \$5,000 be declared surplus.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to declare the regulator station and pipe noted above surplus.

Reutepohler requested permission to seek quotes for a 3 sided building to replace the gas de-high building that burned at the gas storage field. The building would be erected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lot.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to approve seeking quotes for a 30' x 84', 3 sided building.

Reutepohler presented quotes for 25 pad mounted transformers. He noted Cape Supply had the low quote of \$33,290.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the low quote of \$33,290.00 for 25 pad mount transformers.

Water Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report. He noted that the specifications for the South Tank painting and installation of a PAX mixer are complete. He requested that a bid opening date of October 21, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the specifications for the South Tank painting and installation of PAX mixer and set a bid opening for October 21, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Traylor presented quotes for tree removal and stump grinding for trees on Water Utility properties. The low quote was from GE Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$6,250.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the low quote of \$6,250.00 from GE Tree Service, Inc. for tree and stump removal noted above.

Traylor requested permission to seek quotes for a 2 ton dump truck. He noted a lead time of approximately 18 weeks. The cost would be approximately \$81,000.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve drawing up specs and seeking quotes for a 2 ton dump truck for the Water Utility as noted above.

Water Superintendent Traylor presented his resignation letter to the Board. He indicated that his last day would be October 4, 2013.

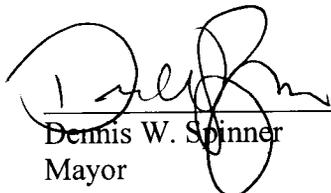
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept Traylor's resignation effective October 4, 2013.

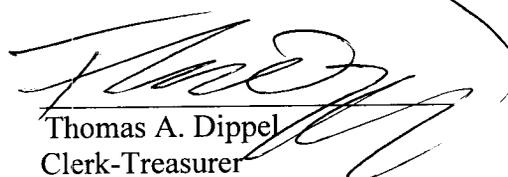
The Mayor presented the proposed Salary Ordinance for the year 2014.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-32 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,  
INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2014**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 o'clock P.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer