

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, October 10, 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 Thursday, October 10, 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, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member McPherron was absent.

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 24, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place for the 2014 Budget Adoption Hearing.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the 2014 City budget and noted that the ordinance needed an amendment to add \$25,000.00 to the budget for the Unsafe Building Fund since the Budget Ordinance No. 2013-31 did not show it when introduced at a prior meeting. Dippel indicated that the total budget for 2014 is estimated to be \$9,120,432.00 and the total rate would be \$1.2671 per \$100 of assess value. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak to the budget. No one spoke. The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to amend Ordinance No. 2013-31 to add \$25,000.00 to the Unsafe Building fund appropriation for 2014.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt as amended Ordinance No. 2013-31 entitled:

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-31 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-31 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:05 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that the 2014 salary ordinance needs to be considered. The ordinance was presented and introduced at a prior meeting.

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

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

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-32 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:10 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed contract for professional services between the City of Huntingburg and Development Concepts, Inc. (DCI). He introduced Matt Rueff of DCI who was present to answer questions. The contract is to prepare the Downtown Business District Revitalization Plan. The Contract is not to exceed \$40,000.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the contract as presented between the City of Huntingburg and Development Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000.00.

The Mayor presented a Contract for Services between the City of Huntingburg and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. The agreement is for \$5,000.00 which is the local match for the Community Focus Fund Planning Grant from the Indian Office of Community and Rural Affairs in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a Downtown Plan. He indicated that \$2,500.00 would come from the City's EDIT Fund and \$2,500.00 would be paid by grant from the Dubois County Community Foundation.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the contract between the City and Indiana Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution approving the purchase of real estate. The real estate is identified as a five acre tract adjoining the Niehaus Park walking trails which is a suitable tract for the expansion of the municipal parks and recreation facilities.

The City obtained appraisal from TriCounty Appraisals and Persohn & Associates in the amounts of \$30,500 and \$32,750 respectively. The owner has offered the property to the City for \$30,000.

There was discussion about which fund to pay the purchase price from. It was decided to pay for the property from the Rainy Day Fund.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2013-33 entitled:

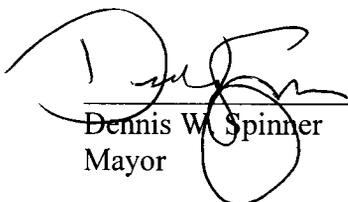
**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING
PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

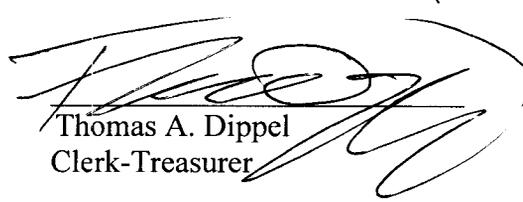
Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2013-33 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent (McPherron), in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2013-33 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:20 P.M.

Mr. Jerry Tackett addressed the Council concerning cats around his home. He indicated that the many cats in his area are a problem and a health issue.

The Mayor indicated that he will meet with the Animal Control Team (ACT), who contract with the City to handle stray dogs, to see what kind of interest they have in the cat issue. Mr. Tackett was invited to meet with ACT with the Mayor.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer