

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2013**  
**7:30 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 24, 2013 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, Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, and Summers were present. Also present was Mayor Spinner. City Attorney Schneider 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 October 10, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor indicated that last month the City received the Economic Development Strategy and Comprehensive Plan Update from Thomas Kohler of GAI Consultants. He noted that the Plan Update has been amended on the final two pages of the Plan Update with enhanced language concerning the use of the Event Center and Hospital area. He indicated that the amendments were more detailed about the types of uses that are targeted in that area. He indicated that the St. Joseph's Hospital area is identified as a high priority for redevelopment and that the amendments spell out with more detail the activities in the last few paragraphs of the Plan Update. He also presented an updated executive summary from GAI outlining the updated differences between the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the updated 2013 Comprehensive Plan Update.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling, and carried to accept the Comprehensive Plan Update from GAI Consultants as amended.

Pete Schwiegeraht, a developer with Miller-Valentine Group based in Cincinnati, Ohio addressed the Council and presented information to them about their plans for improvements at the old St. Joseph's Hospital site. Their plans are to develop a senior residence site and the surrounding area at the old St. Joseph's Hospital site. He indicated that Miller-Valentine has finalized a memorandum of understanding with Huntingburg Partners, LLC, to purchase approximately 30,000 square feet of the hospital building. He noted the building renovation and additional construction will provide approximately 50 senior living units. He noted that the purchase is dependent upon the group receiving rental housing tax credits through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. He added that if funded the first units would be available about Fall of 2015.

The Mayor indicated the need for the City to commit \$300,000 in economic incentives for on-site improvements and to commit \$50,000 for off-site infrastructure. A draft letter was presented committing the funds. He also indicated that a letter of support of the project from the City showing that it does revitalize the area and indicating all the things the project would bring to the area is also needed.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the letters to Miller-Valentine and allow the Mayor to sign the letters to Miller-Valentine in support of this project.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly reports for the Electric Utility and the Gas Utility.

Reutepohler presented quotes for the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lot building. He recommended acceptance of the low quote from B & A Construction in the amount of \$24,875.00. He noted that insurance proceeds from the fire at the gas storage field, \$9,021.15, would be used to offset the price of the building.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the low quote of \$24,875.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lot building.

Reutepohler requested and recommended approval to hire Elliott Meyer in the Electric Department. He noted that Meyer is currently a certified linemen in the military.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve hiring Elliott Meyer in the Electric Department.

Reutepohler presented a copy of the renewal of the substation maintenance contract between the City and NPM Services, Inc. and requested approval.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the maintenance contract between the City and NPM Services, Inc. for electric substation maintenance as presented.

Reutepohler updated the Board on the gas-line digs and pipe inspection currently going on. He indicated that he plans to have the digs complete and the required reports in to the State of Indiana by November 15, 2013.

Water Department employee Gary Meyerholtz presented the monthly water report. He indicated that the specs are complete for the new 2 ton water truck proposed purchase.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the specs for the truck and allow the Water Department to seek quotes for a new 2 ton truck.

Meyerholtz indicated that a quote was received from Hunter Asphalt for repair on Washington Street in the amount of \$5,994.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the quote of Hunter Asphalt in the amount of \$5,994.00 for the repair of Washington Street.

A proposed ordinance was presented concerning the regulation of backflow and cross-connections to the municipal potable water system.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-34 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL POTABLE WATER SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-34 at the same meeting it was introduced.

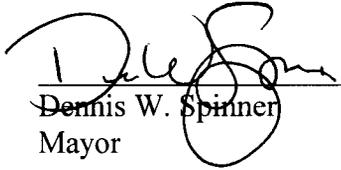
A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-34.

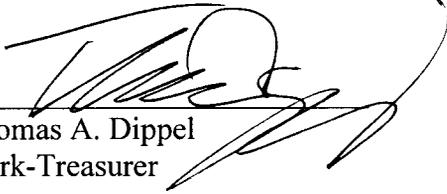
Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-34 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-34 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:34 P.M.

There was discussion on the flushing of private fire hydrants. The Mayor will look into policies of other cities. Kissling will also work with Fire Chief Patberg on policy possibilities.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Trick-or-Trail will be at the City Park during Trick-or-Treat hours on Halloween.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer