

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 26, 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 Tuesday, November 26, 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, McPherron, Kissling and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

The Mayor informed the Council of the passing of Cara Schwartz, former Senior Citizens Director for the City. A moment of silence was observed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

Attorney Schneider explained to the Council the recommendation of the Utility Rate Advisory Board for the proposed Electric and Natural Gas rate changes. He noted the rate changes were to roll existing cost adjustment factors into the base rates of the respective utilities and the action is revenue neutral. He noted that the Utility Rate Advisory Board did recommend the adoption of the revised rates and charges discussed. He noted that a public hearing for both rate ordinances would be held on December 12, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

O.W. Krohn the City's rate consultant was present to answer any questions about the rates.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-35 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set the public hearing for December 12, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-36 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-19 ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS UTILITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AND ORDINANCE NO. 2006-43 ESTABLISHING A NATURAL GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRACKING FACTOR

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to set the public hearing for December 12, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

Dates of 2014 Council/Utility Board meetings were discussed.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set Council/Utility Board meetings for 7:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

The proposed ordinance to set salaries of elected officers of the City of Huntingburg was discussed. The Council had previously decided to increase elected officers' salaries by 2%.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried [4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Summers)] to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-37 entitled:

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

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-37 on the same meeting it was introduced. The motion did not pass [4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Summers)].

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-37 will be considered at the next meeting.

The Mayor presented quotes for the cabling at City buildings. Three quotes were received. The low quote was from Sitewise Systems in the amount of \$53,944.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the low quote of Sitewise Systems for building cabling in the amount of \$53,944.00.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly reports for Gas and Electric Utilities. He noted that all digs and backfill for the gas pipeline project are complete. He also noted that 3 phase underground electric service will be installed at the Ewing Properties.

Reutepohler began a conversation about renovating and updating the old gas garage to accommodate the County ambulance service. He noted the County is proposing to take over the payments of the utilities at the building which had previously been paid by the Gas Utility. Susan Henke, representing Dubois County, was present and indicated that any improvements would be appreciated. Renovation ideas were discussed along with the possibility of constructing a new building.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to allow Reutepohler to seek proposals for the renovation of the old gas garage with cost of obtaining the proposal not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Reutepohler indicated the possibility of removing the remaining gas in the gas storage field is still being looked into.

Water employee Gary Meyerholtz presented the monthly Water Utility report. He presented a list of brass fittings that will be obsolete after the first of the year due to regulations dealing with lead content. He requested the fittings be declared surplus and authorize the fittings to be disposed of. The value of the fittings was estimated to be \$1,500.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to declare the fittings on the list surplus and authorize the Water Department to sell for salvage value on the open market.

Meyerholtz informed the Board that the water loss for 2013 was figured to be 5.12% noting that 10% loss is considered a tight system.

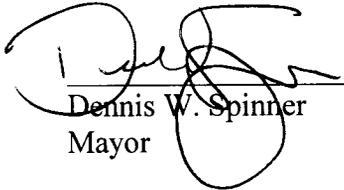
Bids for the upgrading and painting of the south water tank were presented. The low bid was from Utility Service Company, Inc. in the amount of \$176,700.00. It was noted that the bid was recommended by Meyerholtz and Engineering consultant Ladd Engineering. The Engineer's estimate for the job was \$250,000.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the low bid of Utility Service Company, Inc. in the amount of \$176,700.00 for the painting and upgrades to the South water tank.

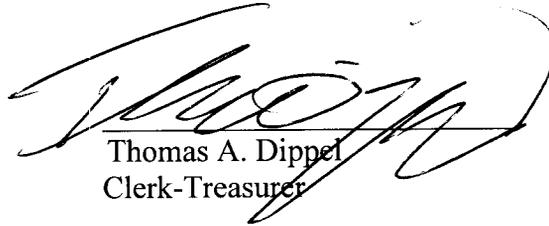
Meyerholtz presented quotes for a new 2 ton dump truck for the Water Department. The low quote was from Sternberg Ford in the amount of \$73,893.80 with trade. Meyerholtz recommended the low quote.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept the low quote from Sternberg Ford in the amount of \$73,893.80 with trade-in of a 1988 Ford F700 dump truck for a new 2 ton dump truck.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer