

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, February 27, 2014
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, February 27, 2014 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.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

A proposed resolution approving the 2013 amendments to the 2007 Comprehensive Plan was presented. Planning Director Hazlewood recommended the adoption of the resolution.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG APPROVING THE 2013 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2007
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

James Zellman of Honeywell was present to update the Council on the work done by Honeywell. He noted that the Demand Response proposal was determined to be too risky for the City.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly report. He presented a Meter Change-out report, Overtime report for Gas and Electric Departments and a Gas purchase report.

Reutepohler presented quotes for 3000 feet of 4" gas pipe. The low quote was from Consolidated Pipe and Supply in the amount of \$8,010.00. He recommended the low quote.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to accept the low quote from Consolidated Pipe and Supply in the amount of \$8,010.00 as recommended.

He noted that a petition is going around an area Southwest of Ireland for extended gas mains.

Reutepohler presented quotes for the engineering for the renovation of the old gas garage on Van Buren Street. He indicated the low quote was from RQAW Consulting Engineers & Architects in the amount of \$14,900.00.

There was discussion on where the funds for the engineering and construction would come from. The Riverboat Fund was suggested to be used for funding and if used an additional appropriation would need to be done.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve RQAW's quote in the amount of \$14,900.00 for services noted above.

Clay Newsom of Cumberland Natural Gas from Chattanooga, Tennessee addressed the Board about the possible extraction of the stored natural gas in the City's storage field. He noted that they would likely extract 250-500 mcf per day for 350-500 days. He noted that trucks would be loaded with compressed gas and delivered directly to the end users. He suggested that all negotiations go through their attorney and the

City's Attorney. He indicated that he is not in the area just to remove gas from the City's storage field but anticipates being in the area for a while with other gas related matters.

Attorney Schneider noted that storage leases have expired and the City will need to work with property owners for access to the site.

It was also noted that the terms of agreement for the gas extraction are still being worked on.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. Williams noted the current problem with the chlorine generation system failure and the need to replace the unit. He indicated that he has quotes and the one he is leaning toward with a performance guarantee is quoted at \$65,708.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to allow the Water Superintendent to make a purchase not to exceed \$68,000.00 in reference to the chlorine generator.

Williams noted that he thinks he has found some money to help with the lake dredging project for next year.

There was discussion on the large lime machine at the water treatment plant that has not been used for several years. Williams was wanting to present the lime machine on websites and catalogs to see if there is any interest in the machine. Disposal methods were discussed.

The leak adjustment policy was discussed.

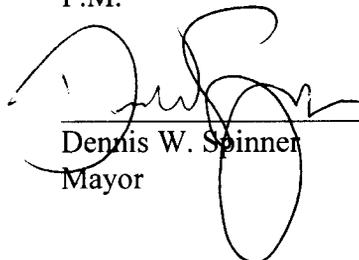
Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a list of 2013 utility accounts for consideration of being written off the books of the utilities. The total amount of write-offs is \$13,345.13.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the write-offs of the utility accounts as presented in the amount of \$13,345.13.

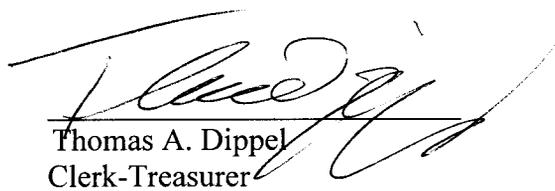
The Mayor informed the Council that he received word today that the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority approved the tax credits requested from the Miller Valentine group for the senior housing project. With that approval they will proceed to renovate a portion of the old St. Joseph's Hospital into senior housing units.

John (Butch) Schneider addressed the Council about his disagreement with the Council's action on health insurance, as well as his views on trash collection and his concerns of increased expenses in the City.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer