

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 25, 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 Tuesday, March 25, 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, 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 Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor presented a Project Coordination Contract between the City of Huntingburg and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The contract is for INDOT to provide up \$90,000.00 and the City to provide a matching \$10,000.00 for the upgrading of signage within the City. The Federal Funds can be obligated by INDOT between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the contract between INDOT and the City of Huntingburg for signage upgrades as presented and noted above.

The Mayor presented and read a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor proclaiming April 2014 as The Month of the Military Child.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Stellar Community designation being sought. He indicated that the City is now a finalist in the program, being one of six communities vying for the two designations.

Phil Ahrens of the Huntingburg Tree Committee presented quotes for the spraying of the trees on 4th Street to reduce the volume of fruit being produced. Buschkoetter's Nursery presented the low quote in the amount of \$297.50.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the quote of Buschkoetter's Nursery to spray the trees on 4th Street in the amount of \$297.50.

The funding will come from the Council budget.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly report. He reported that natural gas prices are back to near normal. He indicated that he has received a petition from some residents in the Ireland area to have the City of Huntingburg provide natural gas to homes and farms. Feasibility, costs and easements will be reviewed. Possibly 11 miles of main could be installed over 5 years.

Reutepohler presented cost savings for switching to LED lights. He noted that he is looking to switch to LED lights where possible.

Reutepohler presented quotes for a gasoline mower so that mowing currently contracted out could be done in-house by Jeff Tisdal and some Summer help. The SCAG mower from All Seasons Lawn was the low quote with an \$1,800 trade-in of a used SCAG mower.

There was discussion on the option of upgrading to a diesel engine for approximately \$3,000.00 more. There was also discussion on contracting the service out and doing the work in-house as to which would cost less.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the purchase of the SCAG mower with a diesel engine in the amount of \$11,600.00 from All Seasons Lawn.

Reutepohler updated the Council on some design changes of the remodel of the gas storage garage project.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He noted he is still negotiating the purchase of the chlorine generation equipment.

He noted that he had a preconstruction meeting with Utility Service Company on March 11 regarding upgrades to the South Water Tank. The official start date is March 18, 2014 and they have 45 days to complete the upgrade. He indicated that he intends to do a press release to inform the public that the South tank will be out of service and pressures will be effected.

Williams presented a quote from Harmonic Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$11,789.00 for up-grading the telemetry to radio modems in the water department.

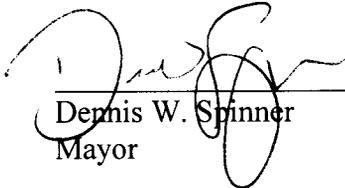
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the quote of Harmonic Electronics as presented to complete this project.

Williams noted that fire hydrant flushing will begin next week. He also noted that he is seeking mowing quotes for the water properties.

A revised water leak adjustment policy was presented.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the water leak adjustment policy as presented.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer