

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, May 22, 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, May 22, 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 Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, Summers and Lehr 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor asked if there were any comments about Ordinance No. 2014-15 previously introduced concerning obstruction of public ways.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-15 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REGULATIONS FOR OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-15 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-15 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:35 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution of support for the Stellar Community Program and committing \$125,000 per year for four years to the program.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-17 entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA (STELLAR COMMUNITY PROGRAM SUPPORT)

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-16 entitled:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

The Mayor indicated that as part of the Stellar Designation program the City is required to show the financial ability to take on the Stellar projects. He introduced Mike Harmless of Crowe-Horwath, financial advisors. Mr. Harmless explained the benefits in the Stellar selection process of certifying to the State that the City's finances have been reviewed independently and the City has the ability to repay. A proposed professional services agreement was presented setting rates for future projects.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the professional services agreement between the City and Crowe-Horwath.

The Mayor updated the Council on the railroad overpass project.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly reports for the Electric Utility and the Gas Utility. The gas storage field was discussed and the abandonment of the field summarized. Reutepohler recommended plugging and capping the wells and

requested permission to seek quotes on the plugging and capping of the wells in the storage field. He estimated that the cost would be approximately \$7,000 to \$9,000 to plug and cap each well.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the Energy Superintendent to receive quotes for the plugging and capping of the wells in the gas storage field.

Reutepohler informed the Board that the North substation transformer did not pass the annual inspection and was shut down until it can be repaired. He noted the unit will be off-line until about mid-June. He indicated that by injecting nitrogen into the transformer it was discovered that moisture had found its way into the transformer by a leak in the pressure reduction device that will need to be repaired. Testing of the unit was quoted at a cost of \$2,746.00. He indicated that the load was switched to the central substation. He also indicated that the oil will have to be removed from the transformer and processed to remove moisture then replaced. Once NPM Services gets their figures together Reutepohler will receive a quote for the repair costs. This will entail bringing in a semi, pumping the oil out of the transformer, then drying it and pumping it back into the transformer.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the upgrade of the South water tank noting that they are approximately a week ahead of schedule. He also informed the Board the chlorine generation equipment supplier is shooting for June 9, 2014 to get that equipment to the City.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed ordinance that would accept the most recent supplement to the Huntingburg Municipal Code by American Legal Publishing Corporation (Supplement 2014 S-12).

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-18 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

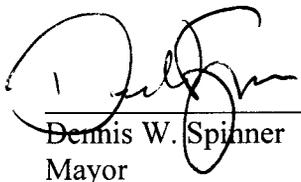
A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2014-18 at the same meeting it was introduced.

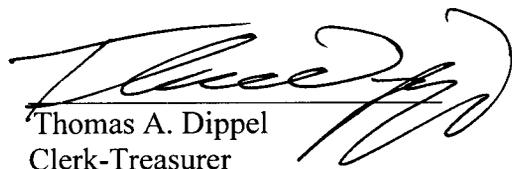
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-18.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-18 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-18 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:35 P.M.

Tim Wehr of the Mayor's Citizen Advisory Group addressed the Council concerning old and damaged sign removal, portable storage, clutter, storage buildings, temporary shelter in case of tornadoes and railroad crossings. He also informed the Council that "Music in the Park" will begin on July 21, 2014 at the City Park.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer