

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, July 24, 2014**

**7:00 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, July 24, 2014 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, Kissling, Summers and Lehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member McPherron 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 July 10, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor noted this was the time set for a public hearing on an additional appropriation of \$150,000.00 for the Riverboat Fund for the remodeling of the Gas Department garage for use as an EMS building. He opened the hearing and asked for comments on the appropriation. No one commented. The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-20 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-20 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-20 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:06 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution to authorize the submission of the annual 5311 Transit grant application.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21 entitled:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED**

Attorney Schneider presented a draft of a proposed animal control ordinance. The proposed ordinance deals with all types of animals. There was discussion about the ordinance including definitions and animals prohibited. The proposed ordinance contained an exemption for Vietnamese Pot-Bellied pigs which was discussed. The possible size of the Pot-Bellied pigs was a concern. Possible exemptions for feeding birds and squirrels were discussed.

Attorney Schneider will draft a revision to the animal control ordinance for review.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly gas report. He indicated that the uprating of 7 miles of the City's Midwest gas line was completed and a report will be sent to the IURC.

Capping the gas wells of the gas storage field was discussed. Reutepohler presented an estimate of the cost to cap all the wells. He will solicit three quotes for the capping.

Reutepohler updated the Council on the EMS building renovation project. He indicated that he has gone over his estimates again and estimates the project will cost

about \$135,000.00. He will monitor monthly or as each stage is completed. He indicated that he will document all the costs by stage and the in-house labor will be tracked and reimbursed to the fund providing the labor.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly electric report. He noted he is in the process of gathering information and prices on circuit breakers for the Central Substation which need replacing.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. Williams updated the Board on the South water tank upgrade indicating that Utility Service Company has avoided the City's requests and the paint problems have not been resolved. Utility Service Company has sent a change order for additional work on the tank. Williams is working on how to keep pressure up while renovations are going on; he estimates the cost to be approximately \$10,000- \$15,000. He indicated that the chlorine generation project is now complete. The Water department continues to work on consolidating old lines into nearby larger new lines.

Williams indicated that Luke Rasche will be trained as a Certified Backflow Prevention Specialist. He noted that currently the City is paying someone to come in and inspect the cross-connections.

Williams indicated that Kevin Head has shown interest and would like to be trained to become a water treatment operator. This would be a 2 year apprenticeship requiring 20 hours a week. He also requested that while Head is training as an operator, Rich Thyen who is currently helping out, could be used on the distribution side as needed. The cost of the training in Evansville, Indiana would be \$325.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve sending Kevin Head to AWWA Operator school in Evansville.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed additional appropriation ordinance for the Park and Recreation Department for \$20,000. The additional appropriation would be used for a bus tour trip around Clarksville, IN. He noted that the money for the trip would be received from the travelers to pay for the trip.

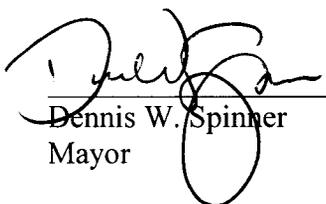
A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance number 2014-22 entitled:

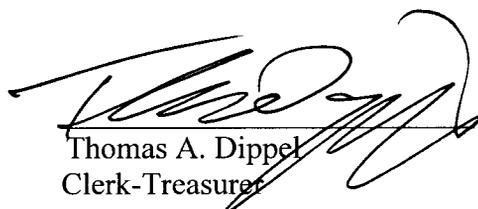
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THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set a public hearing on the above additional appropriation for August 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Glenn Kays addressed the Council with concerns of spray being used for crop spraying in the fields near his house in the City. He thinks there should be more protection from the spray because it is getting on people. He would like the City to follow through with the inquiries to IDEM. The Mayor indicated that the City will look into the situation.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer