

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, August 28, 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, August 28, 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 Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014, August 13, 2014; 10:30 A.M. and August 13, 2014; 1:30 P.M. meetings as presented.

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

The animal control ordinance was discussed.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-23 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ANIMALS"

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-23 the vote being 3 ayes, 1 nay (Blackgrove), 1 absent (McPherron) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-23 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:05 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler present the gas and electric reports.

Reutepohler indicated that he requested quotes from two companies and received one quote to plug the wells in the City's gas storage field. The lone quote was received from Gwaltney Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$12,960.00 per well. There are 11 wells that need to be plugged.

Bill McCain of Gwaltney Drilling was present to answer questions.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the quote of Gwaltney Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$12,960.00 per well to plug the wells in the storage field.

The possibility of IMPA constructing a solar park to generate electricity was discussed. A possible site west of the North electrical substation was evaluated and appears suitable. All equipment would be purchased and owned by IMPA and IMPA would own the electricity produced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve to move forward with discussions to pursue a solar park.

A notice to renew the 15 year lease of the Ralph Voelkel property at the intersection of CR 500 W and CR 750 S where a City of Huntingburg gas regulator station is installed was presented and reviewed. It was noted that the original lease contained an election to renew the lease for an additional 15 years. The renewed lease would terminate on June 30, 2030. The possibility of purchasing the property was discussed.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the lease renewal as presented.

Reutepohler informed the Council that temporary housing arrangements have been made for the Dubois County EMS while the gas garage is being renovated. The temporary facility will be in the old Fox Metal building on West 19th Street.

Reutepohler requested permission and recommended to hire Ryan Hall in the Gas Department as a Technician. The target date for him to start would be September 8, 2014.

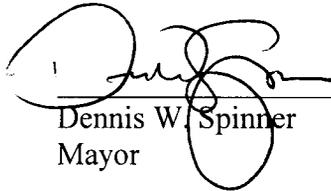
A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve hiring Ryan Hall as Gas Technician in the Gas Department.

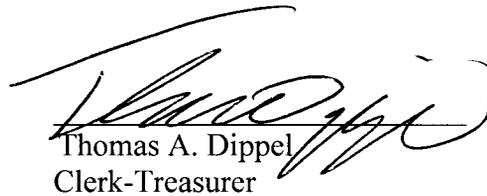
Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the status of the South water tank issues of painting and pressurization that were still unresolved.

Williams presented a proposed policy to be followed when requests are received for attachment of telecommunications equipment onto the City's water towers. Attorney Schneider will review and come up with a proposed ordinance.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the Latino Festival on September 5th and 6th, 2014.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer