

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, November 13, 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, November 13, 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, 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 October 23, 2014 meeting and the minutes of the October 29, 2014 Special meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor introduced the new president of Dubois Strong, Ed Cole. Cole shared some of his vision for the future of economic development in Dubois County.

Huntingburg Housing Authority Executive Director, Heidi Reller was present to request the Council refund the 2014 Payment in Lieu of Taxes that HHA paid in July in the amount of \$7,189.75. She noted the financial need for the refund and upcoming maintenance and repairs of the aging buildings at League Circle Apartments. She indicated that the buildings are starting to fall apart and their budget is very slim. It was noted that as the year ends and is reviewed by the City a recommendation for additional funding to HHA could be considered.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to refund to the Huntingburg Housing Authority their 2014 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (\$7,189.75).

The Mayor updated the Council on the Stellar program. He indicated that the Stellar Committee got back together to figure out a timeline, which is now the number one goal for the committee. He noted that there are 5 projects that have direct state funding. He indicate that for those projects, committees and subcommittees were formed. Chairs for the committees are as follow:

Stellar Project Committee:	Chair(s):
4 th and Market Street Park	Cory Menke & Brad Ward
Trails:	
Master Plan	Nick Stevens & Vickie Lewis
4 th Street	Todd Williams and Cathy Young
Gateways	John Mundy
14 th Street	Alex Blackgrove
Senior Center	Phil Ahrens

The Mayor indicated that by the first meeting in December he hopes to have a timeline of how the projects will move forward.

Police Chief Parks requested approval of four new reserve police officers to the Department. The names of the proposed officers are Poncho Eusevio Martinez, Jonathan Villanueva, Evan Michael Matheis and Aaron Michael Schmitt. Chief Parks recommended these men be added to the Police Reserve force.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the names listed above as Reserve Officers of the Huntingburg Police Department.

Safety Director Don Foerster was present seeking approval for amendments to the City's substance abuse policies. The changes introduced include zero tolerance for certain violations. The Federal Transit Authority has felt this needed to be in place for years. The following areas were modified, added or removed from the City of Huntingburg's policies:

1. Consequences of a policy violation (ex. testing positive or having a refusal to test) were modified to reflect that the employee will be terminated.
2. References to return to duty testing, follow-up testing, and rehabilitation were removed due to the fact that the City will always terminate an employee with a policy violation.
3. Clarified the testing panel to show it included the most recent DOT panel changes.
4. Service provider information was updated (laboratory names, SAP name, etc.)

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the changes to the substance abuse policies as presented.

Planning Director Paul Lake presented a proposed ordinance that would allow 100% tax abatement for up to 10 years in areas designated as Economic Revitalization areas and in structures that meet certain criteria such as age, size, utilization, and amount of investment by the developer.

It was noted that if this ordinance is adopted it would allow the senior residences project proposed by Miller Valentine in the former hospital building to qualify for this tax abatement designation; any taxes abated could be used toward an economic development package provided to them. There was discussion. A provision requiring the building exceed one story in height was removed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-28 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07 ENABLING DESIGNATION & APPROVAL OF REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT (100% DEDUCTION) FOR VACANT & UNDERUTILIZED COMMERCIAL AND/OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2014-28 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-28.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-28 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-28 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:37 P.M.

Lake presented proposed amendments to the Northwest Industrial Economic Development Area and the Industrial Park-West Economic Development Area to include all projects the City anticipates in those areas to use TIF funds.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-29 entitled:

**COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDI
AMENDMENT OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AREA**

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Add -
Resolution for
52 + 53 TIF*

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-30 entitled:

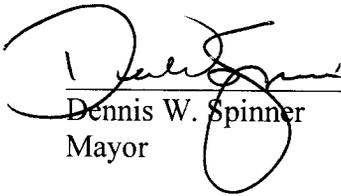
**COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA
REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK-WEST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA**

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution authorizing the lease financing of a 2 Ton truck with a dump bed and snow plow through the Indiana Bond Bank. The lease would be over 3 years for a total of \$74,639.00. Dippel indicated that the lease would be with U.S. Bancorp.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-31 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OF VEHICLE
AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE INDIANA BOND BANK PROGRAM**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer