

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 23, 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 Tuesday, December 23, 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, Lehr 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

Planning Director Lake presented a proposed declaratory resolution to designate an economic revitalization area and economic development target area in the City. The target area is a portion of real estate commonly known as 1900 Medical Arts Drive in Huntingburg. The resolution is necessary for a ten year 100% tax abatement for the planned development and construction of the senior housing project planned by Miller-Valentine at the old St. Joseph's Hospital site. Pete Schweigeraht of Miller-Valentine was present to update the Council and answer any questions on the Project. The proposed tax abatement would be for up to \$250,000.00 over 10 years. A public hearing will be held on the request for Economic Revitalization Area designation and the Petitioner's request for abatement at 7:00 P.M. January 8, 2015, at Huntingburg City Hall. A proposed confirmatory resolution could follow.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-36 entitled:

**DECLARATORY RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA AND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET
AREA**

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance that would authorize an economic development grant up to \$50,000.00 to Huntingburg Senior Residence, LLC conditioned on acquisition of the old St. Joseph's Hospital property and completion of the proposed project. The grant would be a part of the \$300,000.00 local incentive along with the \$250,000.00 proposed tax abatement discussed earlier.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-37 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT GRANT**

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution authorizing utility extensions and improvements as a part of the 45 unit senior housing project. The proposed resolution would authorize upgraded electric and water services to the project property.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-38 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING INFRASTRUCTURE EXTENSIONS AND
IMPROVEMENTS AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUCEMENT**

The Mayor updated the Council on the Stellar projects. He presented a timeline for the projects (Exhibit A).

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the proposed time-line for the Stellar projects as presented.

The Mayor presented three agreements with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group LLC (TSWDG) dealing with Stellar projects for consideration; a Master Agreement for Planning Services, Task Order Number 2-Fourth Street Trail Conceptual Refinement in an amount not to exceed \$34,805.00, and Task Order Number 3-Fourth and Market Street Park Conceptual Refinement in an amount not to exceed \$29,625.00. The Mayor noted that the 4th Street Trail project cost would be approximately \$1,500,000.00 to \$1,900,000.00 and the 4th and Market Street Park cost would be approximately \$700,000.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the Master Agreement for Planning Services, Task Order Number 2 and Task Order Number 3 between the City and TSWDG for the Stellar Community Projects noted above.

Safety Director Foerster updated the Council on the proposed group health insurance changes. He indicated that the proposed rates include a cost difference for smokers and non-smokers and that employee rates will increase. A rate sheet was presented (Exhibit B). He noted that the rates are recommended by the Huntingburg Employee Benefits Plan Trustees.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the rates of the group health insurance as presented and recommended by the Huntingburg Employee Benefits Plan Trustees.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He introduced Bill Arvin, Service Tech in the Water Utility, who summarized an analysis, and recommendation of the current water metering issues. Arvin presented a handout detailing areas of concern and in need of improvement.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly report of the Electric and Gas Utilities. He noted that IMPA, the City electricity supplier will be passing on a 4% increase in electric rates effective in 2015.

Reutepohler updated the Board on the solar park being proposed by IMPA. He noted that IMPA may prefer to lease the property for the park.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to proceed with evaluation of the project and an evaluation of a possible lease of City owned property and to request an IMPA representative be present at the next Council meeting.

Reutepohler updated the Council on the EMS building renovation.

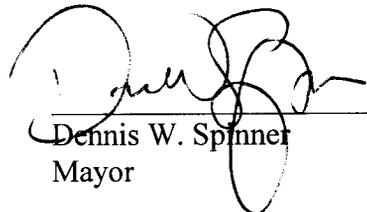
Reutepohler informed the Board that Huntingburg Housing Authority currently spends about \$9,000.00 per year for USDI to maintain the gas lines from the meter to the buildings at Friendship Village and League Circle. Huntingburg Housing Authority is considered a master meter operator requiring an O & M manual and a DIMP program. He proposed running gas lines simultaneously with new underground electric lines to assure proper separation and to repair the yard only once. A meter at each building would eliminate the need for the USDI contract. He suggested waiving the \$500.00 meter fee for each of the 10 proposed meters at each location. Attorney Schneider indicated that the fees could not be waived because the rates charged need to be non-discriminatory and not favor one customer over another.

There was discussion on the balances in accounts on the books of the Gas Utility for the gas storage field. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel indicated that the Cushion gas, Storage Leases and Rights and Storage Gas Inventory no longer have value and should be written off. The book value of the assets to be written off is \$2,070,663.64.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to write off the gas storage field assets from the Gas Utility books as presented.

The Mayor informed the Council that limb pick-up will be the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month beginning January 5, 2015.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

Common COUNCIL/UTILITY BOARD

12/23/14

7:00 P.M.

EXHIBIT B

	25 bi-week		40 bi-week	
	EE	EE/C	EE/S	Family
	Employee	Employee Child	Employee Spouse	Employee Child Spouse
2014 weekly Rate	\$ 5 Non Tobacco	\$ 17.50 Non Tobacco	\$ 20 Non Tobbacco	\$ 27.50 Non Tobacco
2014 Bi/weekly Rate	\$ 10 Non Tobacco	\$ 35 Non Tobacco	\$ 40 Non Tobbacco	\$ 55 Non Tobacco
2014 yearly Rate	\$260.00	\$910.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,430.00
Medical	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Dental	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Vision	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Medical		25.00		25.00
Dental		3.00		3.00
Vision		2.00		2.00
Medical			40.00	40.00
Dental			5.00	5.00
Vision			3.00	3.00
2014 bi/weekly rate	10.00	35.00	40.00	55.00
2015 Weekly Rate	7.50	22.50	31.50	46.50
2015 Yearly Rate	390.00	1,170.00	1,638.00	2,418.00
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2014 yearly Rate	-260.00	-650.00	-1,040.00	-1,430.00
Yearly Increase	130.00	520.00	598.00	988.00
2015 Bi-weekly Rate	15.00	45.00	63.00	93.00
2014 Bi-weekly Rate	-10.00	-35.00	-40.00	-55.00
Bi-weekly increase	5.00	10.00	23.00	38.00
2015 weekly Rate	7.50	22.50	31.50	46.50
2014 weekly Rate	-5.00	-17.50	-20.00	-27.50
Week increase	2.50	5.00	11.50	19.00
2015 Medical Rates	517.73	881.32	987.37	1,460.90
2015 Dental Rates	22.48	42.73	44.98	78.71
2015 Vision Rates	9.73	15.14	18.92	25.50
2015 Total Monthly Rates	549.94	939.19	1,051.27	1,565.11
2015 Total Yearly Rates	6,599.28	11,270.28	12,615.24	18,781.32
	-390.00	-1,170.00	-1,638.00	-2,418.00
	6,209.28	10,100.28	10,977.24	16,363.32
percentage of Premium	5.91	10.38	12.99	12.88

Huntingburg Stellar Community Schedule	2014				2015				2016				2017				2018			
	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
Stellar Projects																				
1.3 - Senior Center																				
2 - Heritage Trail																				
2.1 Heritage Trail - 4th Street																				
2.2 Heritage Trail - Overpass																				
2.3 Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan																				
3 - Maintenance Building																				
4 - Gateway																				
US 231 & 14th Street																				
SR 64 7 Styline Drive																				
5 - 9 th Streets Extension																				
6 - 14 th Streets Improvements																				
7 - 4 th and Market Streets Park																				
8 - Waterline																				
8A - Waterline - accelerated																				
9.1 - Workforce Housing - For Rent																				
9.2 - Workforce Housing - For Sale																				

