

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

**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, January 8, 2015 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 McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing on the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and an Economic Development Target Area in the City and opened the hearing.

Planning Director Lake noted that this hearing is needed for the tax abatement requested by Huntingburg Senior Residence, LLC for the Miller Valentine project as well as other qualifying projects that may come up in the future in the area. He indicated that the project meets all the requirements for the abatement. The address of the property is 1900 Medical Arts Drive.

The Mayor asked for comments on the proposed confirmatory resolution to designate an economic revitalization area and economic development target area in the City. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01 entitled:

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

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2015-01 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2015-01 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:10 P.M.

The Mayor presented Ordinance No. 2014-37 previously introduced and numbered noting an amendment is needed to correct names of the ordinance and grant agreement. The economic development project grant is for up to \$50,000.00 to be paid by the City to MV Affordable Housing LLC. The proposed amendment would change the grantee from Huntingburg Senior Residence, LLC to MV Affordable Housing, LLC.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to amend Ordinance No. 2014-37 to change the grantee from Huntingburg Senior Residence, LLC to MV Affordable Housing, LLC. Ordinance 2014-37 is entitled:

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

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-37 as amended.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2014-37 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2014-37 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:15 P.M.

Pete Schwiegeraht of the Miller-Valentine Group addressed the Council with an update of the project noting the project is still on target. He noted the project closing may be delayed approximately 30 days to finalize loan and bank documents. He estimates the closing to now be mid-February and construction could begin in March.

The Mayor presented quotes on a new computer network server for the City office. He noted the current server is in need of replacement. Quotes received were:

Matrix	\$ 18,214.00
Eck-Mundy	\$ 17,789.00
I.T. Right	\$ 15,545.01

There was discussion.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to table the server quote issue until more information can be obtained.

The Mayor presented his appointments for positions on City Boards and Committees (Exhibit A). He asked for Council approval of the appointments.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the Mayor's appointments as presented.

The Mayor presented proposed Council appointments for positions on City Boards and Committees (Exhibit B).

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to appoint the members of Boards and Committees as presented in Exhibit B.

This being the first meeting of the year for the Council it was noted that a Council President Pro Tempore for 2015 needs to be elected.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to elect Amy Lehr Council President Pro Tempore for 2015.

Attorney Schneider noted that a newspaper needs to be designated as the official newspaper for publications of the City for 2015. There was discussion about the Huntingburg Press being a qualified newspaper for City publication purposes. Attorney Schneider indicated that the Huntingburg Press appears to qualify but he will get with the paper to make a proper determination.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried [4 Aye, 1 Nay (Summers)] to approve the Huntingburg Press as the official newspaper for the City of Huntingburg publications.

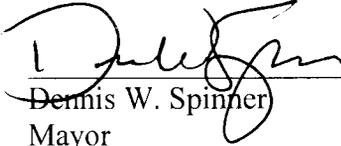
The Mayor indicated that he will be out of town on February 12, 2015, the regularly scheduled date for the 1<sup>st</sup> February Council meeting. Alternate dates were discussed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to move the regularly scheduled Council meeting of February 12, 2015 to Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

A draft of a proposed ordinance regulating and requiring the use of "lock boxes" to hold keys to properties so in the event of a fire, firefighters could enter the premises without having to break doors and windows was disbursed and reviewed. The draft ordinance was discussed and Attorney Schneider will create a proposed ordinance for future consideration at the next meeting.

Director of Community Development Steckler informed the Council of the City's 14 ranking for the "Best Cities for Young Families in Indiana" from consumer advocacy site NerdWallet.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

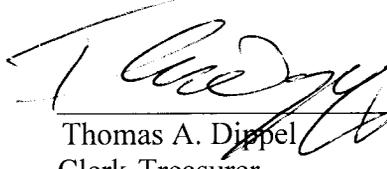
  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

**2015 Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**MAYOR SPINNER**

**Huntingburg Park Board**

Mike Fulkerson\* (4 years - 12/31/2018)

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Judy Olinger\* (4 years - 12/31/2018)

**Huntingburg Housing Authority**

Jerry Altstadt\* (4 years - 12/31/2018)

Bonnie Schmidt\* (4 years - 12/31/2018)

**Utility Rate Advisory Board**

Gina Flick\* (4 years - 12/31/2018)

Jayne Rasche (4 years - 12/31/2018)

**Redevelopment Commission**

Jim Heidorn\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Robert Fowler\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Nick Stevens\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

**Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission**

Steve McPherron\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

**Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee**

Ralph Begle\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

John Mundy\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Steve Ripstra\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Ken Schnaus\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Cathy Young\* ((1 year - 12/31/2015)

**Tree Committee**

Susan Kruger\* (2 year term - 12/31/2016)

Phil Ahrens\* (2 year term - 12/31/2016)

\* - Reappointment



EXHIBIT B

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Economic Development Commission**

Eric Olinger\* (2 years - 12/31/2016)

**Redevelopment Commission**

Eugene Peters\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

Joe Bartelt\* (1 year - 12/31/2015)

**Tree Committee**

Heather Tretter\* (2 year term - 12/31/2016)

\* - Reappointment

