

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, January 22, 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 22, 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 Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor presented information and quotes for a new network computer server for the City office. The quotes were previously distributed and tabled to give more time for review. The low quote was from I.T. Right in the amount of \$15,545.01.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to accept the low quote of I.T. Right in the amount of \$15,545.01 for a new network computer server.

A draft lease agreement for land for a proposed solar park was presented by Dan Worl, Engineering Manager for IMPA. The lease called for a \$1 per year lease payment for 30 years plus 59 one year extensions. A 10 year tax abatement that would abate 100 percent of the taxes the first year and 10 percent less in each of the subsequent nine years was discussed. He summarized the project.

Attorney Schneider indicated that the property would need to be subdivided in accordance with City municipal codes. It was noted that the current zoning is Agricultural and the required zoning would need to be Industrial (I-2). The Board of Zoning Appeals will need to hear the case. He also noted that a request for proposals would need to be sent out to all interested parties for the construction of a solar park. He also noted that IMPA needs to identify what piece of ground they would like.

Worl presented a spreadsheet detailing the abatement and a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) over the life of the solar park. There was some question about the amount of money the City would receive from the PILOT payments and if other taxing units would share the payments. Attorney Schneider will research the entity and business form as it relates to PILOT payments.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to have IMPA submit a solar park plan and a plat proposal for use of the property to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and come back to the Council for final approval.

The Mayor updated the Council on Stellar projects; 9<sup>th</sup> & Moenkhaus Drive and 4<sup>th</sup> and Market Street projects.

The Mayor indicated the need to consider approval of grant administrator contracts with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for the 4<sup>th</sup> and Market Street Park and the Senior Center. Each agreement is for \$40,000.00. He noted that the grant administrator fees would be paid out of the grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve both Contract for Services Agreements; 4<sup>th</sup> and Market Street Park Improvements and the Senior Center; in the amount of \$40,000.00 each.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly gas report. He informed the Board that he received petitions for gas service from property owners south

of Southridge High School on Hwy 231. He noted that all have agreed to grant easements. He noted that two employees were out this week due to injuries.

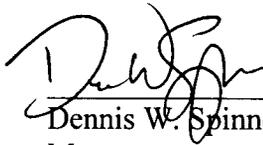
Reutepohler presented the monthly electric report.

Reutepohler updated the Council on the EMS building renovation. He has a target completion date of February 28, 2015. It was noted that a lease needs to be created and an amount to charge needs to be determined. Attorney Schneider will get a proposed lease together.

Water Superintendent Williams presented the monthly water report. He indicated that he took delivery of 356 replacement ITRON ERTs. He is working on a system to better track meters. He presented information on a "Rain Garden" proposed to be constructed at the City Lake using IDEM 319 grant funds.

There was discussion on the proposed ordinance concerning a key lock box for new commercial construction with auto alarms. Since the last meeting discussion, comments and questions were received from the public. Attorney Schneider will make language changes and come up with a new ordinance for review.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer