

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, February 26, 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, February 26, 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 Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting.

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

The Mayor introduced Brad Ward, representing the Dubois County Community Foundation. Ward addressed the Council concerning the proposed donation of 1.57 acres of land South of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and West of Kerstiens Second Addition to the City of Huntingburg. The property can be used for a wastewater project or a Stellar project.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-08 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF REAL ESTATE FROM  
DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.**

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance authorizing a security and fire protection contract between the City of Huntingburg and Dubois County Airport Authority. The previous agreement was for security and fire protection and emergency snow removal and the amount was \$4,600.00 per year. The new agreement is in the amount of \$3,500.00 per year.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-09 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SECURITY AND FIRE  
PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH DUBOIS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-09 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-09.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-09 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-09 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:13 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He presented quotes for 20,880 feet of 4 inch gas pipe to be used for gas line extension in the northwest corner of the County near Ireland. Reutepohler recommended the low quote for the pipe from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co. Inc. in the amount of \$54,079.20.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the purchase of 20,880 feet of 4 inch gas pipe from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$54,079.20.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He indicated that the circuit breakers for the central substation have arrived and are stored at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lot

building and are scheduled for installation the first week in April. The change-out will take approximately two weeks.

Reutepohler presented an updated cost sheet of the remodeling of the gas garage for the EMS building. He indicated that a gable roof over the front door will be constructed and the building exterior painted when the weather permits.

Attorney Schneider summarized the lease and noted that the County does not pay rent or utilities at any of the other EMS sites in the county. The lease is for \$1.00 per year and the County will pay all utilities at this new site.

A proposed resolution was presented to authorize a lease of the EMS facility with the Dubois County Commissioners.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF EMS FACILITY WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA**

The Mayor updated the Council on the proposed Solar Park. He indicated that IMPA held a public meeting last Thursday and several citizens were present. He noted that as a result of questions inquiring about alternative sites, a search for suitable alternate sites began. He noted that all sites, including the current site, will be evaluated by IMPA and recommendations made to the Board. With the search for alternative sites the project has been postponed. He hopes the site selection will be finalized by the end of 2015 so construction can begin in 2016. He noted the site information will be shared with the citizens in public meetings.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that Badger Meter has agreed to invoice in three installments the \$15,575.00 bill for ERTs and wiring associated with the free replacement meters due to cash flow issues in the Wastewater Utility that pays for half of water metering equipment.

Williams reported that Luke Rasche is the City's cross connection specialist. He also noted that one of the two chlorine tanks is split and upon investigation it was determined the tank is not needed with the new system and will be taken out resulting in more needed storage space.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a list of utility accounts for review and write-off as bad debts. The total of the write-offs for 2014 is \$14,292.26. It was noted that collection efforts continue even though the dollar amounts are off the books.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the write-off of utility accounts as presented in the amount of \$14,292.26.

The key lock box ordinance was introduced at the last meeting to give anyone with questions time to have them addressed.

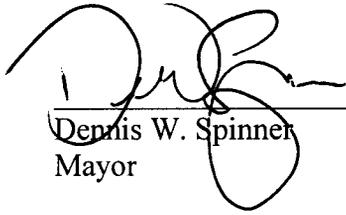
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-07 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 99 TO THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING A KEY LOCK BOX INSTALLED ON THE EXTERIOR OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES FOR FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-07 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-07 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:15 P.M.

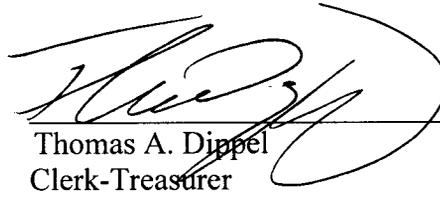
Council member Summers commented on the need for business owners on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to not park on 4<sup>th</sup> Street because it takes parking from customers.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 o'clock P.M.



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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer