

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 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 Tuesday, September 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 Lehr, McPherron, Kissling 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 September 10, 2015 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place set for the public hearing for the City of Huntingburg's 2016 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the budget noting that the expenditure items discussed at earlier budget meetings have been incorporated into the budget that was published in the Gateway system. He indicated that a conservative estimate of the City's assessed value of \$130,000,000 was used to calculate the property tax rates. The estimated tax rate in the budget is \$1.5295 per \$100 of assessed value and the estimated tax levy is \$1,988,414. He indicated he estimates the actual assessed value to be greater and the tax rate to be much less (\$1.1708) when the actual assessed value is known in February, 2016.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-28 entitled:

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX
RATES
(HUNTINGBURG CIVIL CITY FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016)**

The Mayor presented the proposed 2016 salary ordinance. He noted that the ordinance contains a proposed 1% increase for most positions with an additional .5% supervisor discretionary merit increase for most positions. He noted that some salary adjustments were made to change some position salaries as previously discussed.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-29 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2016**

Proposals have been received for engineering services to take the City's conceptual design of the proposed Market Street Park to an actual construction document. He noted that four proposals were received. He reminded the Council that this project is being funded by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and that Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission was selected as project manager to help the City through the grant process. He noted that he has selected a committee to score the firm's proposals. The members are Denny Spinner, Rachel Steckler, Cory Menke, Mike Fulkerson and Glen Kissling. He noted the selection will be made based on a scoring grid.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the selection of members of the committee for RFP scoring for the Market Street Park.

The Mayor informed the Council that a public hearing for the INDOT project of the Styline Drive Railroad Overpass will be held on October 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Huntingburg Event Center. The purpose of the meeting is to offer anyone who is interested an opportunity on comment of the design plans proposed. The timetable of the

Right-of-Way acquisition and construction will be discussed. The presentation will be conducted by City contractor, DLZ and by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The Mayor noted that the Trick-or Treat hours on Halloween need to be approved.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to set the City's Trick-or-Treat hours from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on October 31, 2015.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Fall Clean-Up days will be October 8, 2015 from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.; October 9, 2015 from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and October 10, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Street Department. He stressed that the Clean-up days are for City residents only not all Utility customers.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric report. He reported that there was an outage on the 14th of September over about ¼ of the City. He indicated that the outage was from about 11:30 P.M. to 1:30 A.M.

Reutepohler noted that changeover to Encoder Receiver Transmitter (ERT) meters is near completion for all residential electric customers. He informed the Board that the Electric Utility has spent between \$12,000 and \$20,000 per year since 2003 to convert to ERT.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas report. He indicated 2500 feet of gas line has been installed in Evans Brooke subdivision in Ireland.

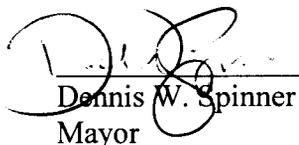
Reutepohler informed the Board that well capping at the old gas storage field will begin again in the coming days.

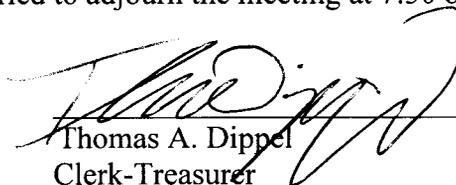
Reutepohler informed the Board that Ron Regan of UGM contacted him wanting to know if the City wanted to hedge gas for the winter months. Regan indicated that 25 other cities are doing it. He noted that Regan will be working up figures that Reutepohler will bring to the Board for the next meeting.

Water Superintendent Williams presented the monthly water report. He noted the department has been flushing hydrants as is done every September. He also informed the Board that the City Lake "rolled over" on September 12 and 13 noting that this put the flushing behind and that manganese levels were being monitored closely.

The Mayor indicated an open house for the remodeled EMS building will be on October 4, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer