

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Cox and Souders present. Also present was City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting and the October 15, 2015 special meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Board that the 2016 Material bids will be opened at a public meeting on November 24, 2015 at 10:00 at City Hall.

The Mayor indicated that he would like to schedule a public information meeting about the wastewater force main project including a potential rate change. The special meeting would be a joint meeting of the Common Council, the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board. The engineer and rate accountant will also be present at the meeting to answer questions.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to set a special meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to be held jointly with the Common Council and the Huntingburg Rate Advisory Board at 7:30 P.M. on November 19, 2015 in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. He noted the bids for the new force main project came in very close to the engineer's estimate.

Kemp informed the Board that Alex Hohl will be leaving the City for personal reasons but has agreed to work part-time until a replacement is found. It was noted that Hohl's duties include maintenance at the plant, sludge removal, and back-up lab tech, among other things.

Fire Chief Patberg was absent. The monthly Fire Department report was reviewed.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted that fundraising for the new K-9 unit continues; he updated the Board on the K-9 unit.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the leaf machine has a broken axle for the third time in the last two years and

does not know why. Stamm requested permission to seek quotes for another leaf machine noting that years ago the Department also used a truck for leaf pickup. He also noted that they seem to be getting more leaves every year. He said it would be nice to have two when needed. There was discussion on having a spare axle and alterations that may increase the life of the axle.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve Stamm to seek quotes for an additional leaf machine.

Stamm noted that 1<sup>st</sup> Street is now open again. He clarified information that had been circulating about the way the street was rebuilt. He indicated he used a different make-up of construction materials than those called for as minimum standards for a new street. He has reasons for the materials used and thinks the materials used will yield a better street. He also noted that there are a few trouble areas that remain soft which he left open, and is addressing so the street is fixed correctly. He noted an area of past construction where a drain pipe was not buried low enough and the top was milled off in the rebuild. He decided to dig up and replace the drain correctly. He expressed his desire to change the minimum standard of new street construction and indicated that each street construction should still be designed on a case by case basis.

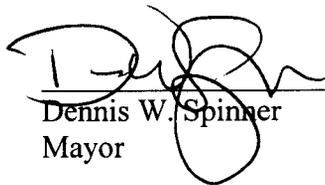
The Mayor instructed Stamm to develop a proposed ordinance for review by the Board.

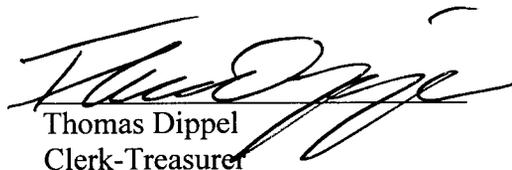
Stamm informed the Board that he is no longer pursuing the purchase of a brine machine from Nebraska since the price doubled since he is now dealing with another person. He indicated that constructing a machine is now his goal.

Code Enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake updated the Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Fire Station renovation, Police Station renovation and 9<sup>th</sup> and Moenkhaus Streets reconstruction projects.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried at 9:16 A.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer