

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, November 24, 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, November 24, 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 Bounds, McPherron, Kissling and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member Lehr was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance for bonding of the wastewater project. He noted that there was an information meeting held last Thursday concerning the proposed bond and financing of the wastewater project.

Attorney Schneider summarized the project. He indicated the need to introduce and number an ordinance that would authorize the issuance of the wastewater bonds. It was noted that the project funding has to be in place before the contracts can be awarded.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2015-33 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE THE COST THEREOF, THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SAID WORKS, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SAID REVENUE BONDS, OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

The ordinance will be held for final consideration on December 10, 2015.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed ordinance that would authorize a loan from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund to the Municipal Wastewater Utility in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 to be paid back in 5 years at a rate of 1% per annum.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2015-34 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE ELECTRIC CASH RESERVE FUND TO THE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILITY**

The ordinance will be considered at the December 10, 2015 meeting.

The Mayor opened the discussion of the 2016 salary ordinance for elected officials. He presented last year's ordinance for reference. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds to increase the Mayor's and Clerk-Treasurer's salary by 1.5% and to increase the Council/ Utility Board member's salary to \$688.00 per month and to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-35 entitled:

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

The ordinance will be consider at the December 10, 2015 meeting.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted the need for a digger truck for the Electric Utility. The current truck is a 1998 Terex model. He indicated a new truck would cost approximately \$240,000.00 and would have a lead time of about 10 months since they are built to specs. He was instructed to put together specifications for a new digger truck.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He presented a report of the cost of the capping of each gas well in the storage field. He noted the total cost for capping is \$142,296.00. He indicated that the removal of the building on the storage well site are the only expenses remaining to reclaim the storage field. He reported that gas costs are low and storage is at record levels.

Reutepohler indicated that through discussions with City officials the desire to name the Utility Service Building at 508 N. Van Buren Street the "Loma W. Hartke Building" was made known. Hartke served the City of Huntingburg as its Utility Superintendent for over 40 years and devoted countless hours to preserve and promote the community's efficient operation and proud heritage.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2015-36 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE UTILTY SERVICE OFFICE BUILDING  
IN MEMORY OF LOMA W. HARTKE**

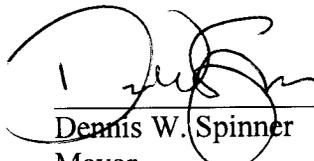
Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He presented pictures of the work done on the spillway at the City Lake to repair a leak noting that the leak has been there since 1997 according to inspection reports.

Williams indicated that he will have the specifications from Midwestern Engineers for the Cast in Place Pipe (CIPP) project that will be done on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for Board review at the December 10, 2015 meeting. The project will be ready for bid and should be ready for construction in the spring.

Williams led a discussion on the benefits of the MCLite Mobile Collector Lite data collection device from ITRON to help in determining water meter discrepancies. He indicated that the device should increase confidence in the meter reading system. The negotiated price of the unit is \$8,800.00. He noted the device will save the department from having to go back to manually read questionable reads. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Member Summers noted that recent retirees Steve Harris and Phil Harris passed away recently.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 o'clock P.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer