

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, December 10, 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, December 10, 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, Bounds, 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 McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 special meeting and the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Council that December 11, 2015 is the 199th anniversary of Indiana being admitted as the 19th State of the United States of America. He noted this is the beginning of the Bicentennial year in Indiana.

The Mayor read his Proclamation proclaiming December 11, 2015 as **INDIANA STATEHOOD DAY AND THE OFFICIAL KICKOFF OF THE BICENTENNIAL** and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion and celebrate the upcoming year.

The Mayor presented a copy of the proposed 2016 City calendar along with the list of City of Huntingburg holidays.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the 2016 City Calendar and holidays as presented.

The Mayor presented a proposed K-9 Compensation Agreement for the Council's consideration. The Mayor noted that the agreement is a way to compensate Officer Hemmer for the time he spends in care of the K-9 Unit and to adjust his hours for this duty. He noted the time spent in care of the K-9 Unit will not take away from his other duties.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the "**K-9 Compensation Agreement for the Huntingburg Police Department**" as presented.

The Mayor presented the material bid summary for the 2016 Material bids. The low bidders were:

Item A, Crushed Stone	Cave Quarries
Item B, Hot Mix Asphalt	Cave Quarries
Item C, Bituminous Material and Milling Services	J.H. Rudolph
Item D, Fuel	Ackerman Oil

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the bids of the low bidders for the 2016 materials as noted above.

A proposed ordinance setting the required bonds and amounts for City Officials was presented. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel explained the need for the ordinance as it is now required by statute.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-38 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BONDING OF VARIOUS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS OF THE CITY

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-38 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-38.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-38 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-38 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:16 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance that would allow all full time employees of the Huntingburg Housing Authority to be included in the City of Huntingburg Health Benefits Plan. He noted the request to be included under the City's health insurance was made by the Huntingburg Housing Authority. He informed the Council that due to the recent changes in the health care laws it has made it difficult for the Huntingburg Housing Authority to insure their Director. The Mayor noted that since the Huntingburg Housing Authority Board is appointed solely by the Mayor, the Director would be eligible to receive this type of benefit. He noted the total cost of the insurance would be paid by the Director and the Huntingburg Housing Authority so there is no additional cost to the City. He noted that if the change became effective January 1, 2016 there would be a 60 day waiting period and coverage would begin March 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-39 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-30 REGARDING
BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-39 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-39.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-39 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-39 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:19 P.M.

Attorney Schneider summarized the wastewater project. An ordinance that would authorize the issuance of the wastewater bonds was introduced at the last meeting.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt 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**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-33 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-33 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:21 P.M.

Ordinance No. 2015-34 was introduced at the last meeting and 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 Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-34 entitled:

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

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-34 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-34 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:23 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance that would set new sewer rates and charges for the City of Huntingburg. He noted that the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety and the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board both recommended to the Common Council adoption of a revised schedule of rates and charges for sanitary sewer services rendered by the City of Huntingburg.

The new rates would become effective January 1, 2016 for February bills.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2015-37 and to set a public hearing on the ordinance for December 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall. Ordinance No. 2015-37 is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

The Mayor indicated that Ordinance No. 2015-35 was introduced at the last meeting. The ordinance would fix salaries for elected officers of the City for the year 2016.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-35 entitled:

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

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2015-35 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2015-35 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:27 P.M.

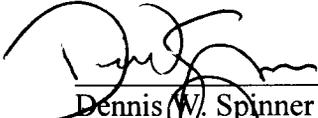
Energy Superintendent Reutepohler gave an update on the proposed solar park and indicated that concerns such as noise have been checked out and determined that noise will not be a problem. Dan Worl, Manager of Energy Efficiency, Indiana Municipal Power Agency gave a presentation on the proposed solar park. He indicated the new proposed 10 acre site is west of the original site on Phoenix Drive on private property. It was noted this update was for information purposes only and no Council action is needed. It is anticipated the 7000 panel project will be completed in 2016.

Planning Director Lake indicated that applications for rezoning of the proposed solar park site have been filed.

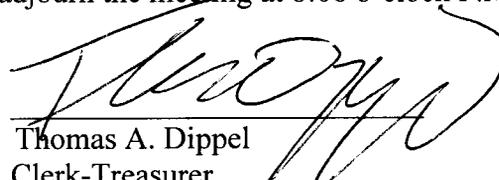
Water Superintendent Williams indicated that he just received one copy of the specifications for the 4th Street water line project from Midwestern Engineers. He noted that he is reviewing the specifications and will be meeting with Richard Burch of Midwestern Engineers next week to go over his findings and concerns. He noted that he will present specifications for Board approval at a future meeting.

Fire Chief Patberg informed the Council that a rededication of the remodeled 11th Street Fire Station will be Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer