

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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, May 10, 2016 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 Wehr, Bounds, McPherron, Kissling and Blessinger were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting.

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

This is the date, time and place established for a public hearing for the application of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) tax abatement for the proposed solar park. The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed development of the 11 acre solar energy park. He noted that IMPA has applied for a tax abatement for the new manufacturing equipment to be installed at that site. He noted the Huntingburg Economic Development Commission has reviewed the applicant and the application and has made a favorable recommendation to the Council for the tax abatement. The 11 acre tract has been determined by the Council to be an economic revitalization area in a preliminary resolution. He noted IMPA would be eligible for a 5 year abatement on the manufacturing equipment which is estimated at \$2,896,000.00.

Schneider indicated the following abatement schedule:

	% of Abatement
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	75%
Year 4	50%
Year 5	25%

The Mayor asked for public comment on the proposed tax abatement. No public comment was received. Discussion followed. The Mayor closed the public hearing. He presented a proposed resolution for consideration.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2016-15 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ADOPTION OF A
DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA ON APPLICATION OF THE INDIANA MUNICIPAL
POWER AGENCY**

Dan Worl and Jack Alvey of IMPA were present to update the Council on the Solar Park Project. Worl indicated that staking will begin this Thursday and racking should be arriving around May 16th. They expect to have a ribbon cutting in the fall.

The Mayor presented two proposed ordinances related to property regulation for adjustments to our current code of ordinances. Ben Miller of Morley and Associates was present; he is helping to guide the City through the revision process. The revisions are being driven by the desire to issue "Certificates of Occupancy". The 1st proposed ordinance is to remove the general regulations relating to standard for exterior maintenance of buildings and lots and minimum standard for dwelling units from Chapter 152, and incorporate and renumber those provisions into chapter 150 that will be entitled: "General Property Regulations".

The 2nd proposed ordinance will be to amend chapter 152 of the Huntingburg Municipal Code which will update and restate the Code to comply with the statewide codes of building and fire safety laws of the State of Indiana. The template of the ordinance provided by the Fire Prevention and Building and Safety Commission of the State of Indiana enables that Commission to approve the changes to the Municipal Code and allow the City to issue Certificates of Occupancy.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-16 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE RENUMBERING AND REARRANGING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GENERAL PROPERTY REGULATIONS HERETOFORE CONTAINED IN CHAPTERS 150 AND 152 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blessinger and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-16 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Blessinger and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-16.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-16 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-16 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:28 P.M.

There was discussion on the 2nd proposed ordinance concerning the Certificate of Occupancy costs, fees, who would inspect and who would issue the certificate. No action was taken and the issue will be revisited at a future meeting. The proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 152 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, USE, AND OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE BUILDING RULE, CODES AND STANDARDS REQUIRED TO BE ENFORCED UNDER IC 36-7-2-9; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

The Mayor informed the Council that the new fire truck will be on display at the 11th Street Fire Station on May 18, 2016 at 6:30 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 8:22 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer