

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 24, 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 24, 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 Blessinger, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that a public hearing needs to be set for the Market Street Park project. The Mayor indicated that the public meeting is necessary because the project is being federally funded through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and they require a public hearing prior to the completion of the application for funding. The City of Huntingburg has a population with 6.7% of speaking a language other than English. He indicated that when that percentage is greater than 5% a Language Access Plan is needed. He noted the City has such a plan. OCRA has indicated that they would like a notice of the public hearing to go out in both English and Spanish. The Mayor indicated that he would like to hold the public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Huntingburg City Hall. He indicated that Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 Regional Development would conduct the public hearing at that time.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to set a public hearing for June 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall as noted above.

The Mayor presented a proposed telephone services agreement between the City of Huntingburg and Fullnet Advanced Communications. The City's costs from the current provider, Windstream, increased dramatically due to Windstream not owning their own equipment. The proposed agreement would be for one year with installation costs of approximately \$4,200.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the telephone services agreement with Fullnet Advanced Communications as presented.

Attorney Schneider will draft a letter to Windstream to terminate their agreement.

A proposed ordinance updating the City's building codes was presented for consideration. Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed ordinance. The ordinance updates the building codes and makes it possible for the City to issue "Certificates of Occupancy". Discussion followed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-17 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

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. 2016-17 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-17.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-17 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-17 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:44 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed agreement between the City of Huntingburg and VS Engineering, Inc. for consulting surveying services as necessary to allow preparation of contract documents, including plans, special provisions, unique special provisions, environmental documentation and cost estimates for the City of Huntingburg, 4th Street Trail Project. The contract amount is not to exceed \$39,600.00. Nick Jahn of VS Engineering, Inc. was present and summarized the services.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the surveying services agreement between the City of Huntingburg and VS Engineering, Inc. as presented for an amount not to exceed \$39,600.00.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the gas utility monthly report. He indicated that USDI is doing welding for the gas department while one of the employees is out with an injury.

Reutepohler presented the electric utility monthly report. He updated the Board on the solar park project. He indicated that planning is continuing for Hunter's Crossing Subdivision.

Water Superintendent Miller presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on ongoing projects. He indicated that the South Washington Street project is complete and work continues on the 4th Street water main CIPP project. He indicated that a lot of trees were downed around the City Lake due to the recent storms.

Miller requested permission to seek bids on a new utility pickup truck. He indicated the 1995 pickup has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced.

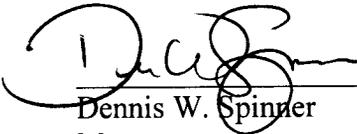
A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve Miller to seek bids for a new water department pickup truck.

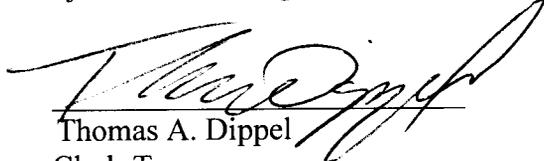
Miller informed the Board that he is stepping down as Water Superintendent. He indicated that he is more comfortable and can serve the City better as Chief Operator at the water plant.

The Mayor recommended the Board accept Miller's resignation as Water Superintendent and reappoint him as Chief Operator at the water plant.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept Miller's resignation as Water Superintendent and reappoint him as Chief Operator at the water plant.

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