

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 9, 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, August 9, 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, Kissling, McPherron 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 Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting.

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

Travis McQueen, Airport Manager, of Huntingburg Airport was present to request approval of the Huntingburg Airport 2017 Budget. He informed the Council that business is good at the airport and updated them on airport activities and highlights. He indicated the General Fund budget is \$398,750 for 2017 which is the same as the 2016 budget.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the Huntingburg Airport's 2017 Budget as presented.

Heidi Reller, Director of the Huntingburg Housing Authority, informed the Council that Huntingburg Housing Authority received the \$500,000.00 grant they were seeking for work on Friendship Village.

Nathan Waggner, of Cash Waggner and Associates, PC, was present to report on drainage issues affecting homes on Dogwood and Redbud Courts. A report was presented noting that there are two debris dams created by instream woody trees and rafted debris from the surrounding agricultural fields. He also noted areas where sediment fallout has created bars that reduce flow capacity of the stream. Upstream issues were also discussed and will be studied. The Mayor noted that with the construction of a new wastewater lift station, a drainage tile was changed to allow construction of the liftstation. He indicated that once the construction is complete, the drain will be put back in the location it was originally. The Mayor indicated the Army Corps of Engineers plans to do a complete study of all the tributaries leading out of the City to see what can be done to help with water issues. The Mayor also noted that the City will be working with private land owners and developers to see what can be done to help the water flow issues. Discussion followed.

Planning Director Lake presented a draft of what the new "Certificate of Occupancy" would look like along with the planned process to obtain the certificate. Work will continue to finalize the document and process.

Christopher Neu of 500 E. 3rd Street, Huntingburg informed the Council that he hired Patriot Engineering in March of 2011 to obtain samples and analyze the water from their sump pump to see if the water was groundwater or from a leaking City water source. He presented a letter from Patriot Engineering that noted the presence of chlorine and fluorine in the sample indicating that the water infiltrating the basement of the Neu residence had been chemically treated, and was not naturally occurring groundwater.

Neu also noted sanitary sewer issues he has in his home during heavy rains.

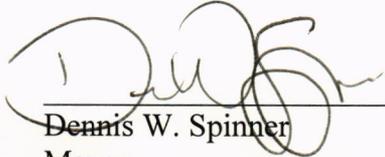
Attorney Schneider explained that the City is working at keeping the inflow and infiltration out of the sanitary sewers but it is an ongoing problem.

Neu wanted to bring the water issue up to inform the Council that there are infrastructure ailments but is not asking the City to do anything now but is just asking the

City to look into it. He also noted that if he gets another certified letter informing him of more apartments being planned for the area he will be back again asking for specific actions and by when dates.

The Mayor indicated that budget review meetings will be conducted on August 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer