

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, August 4, 2016**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Souders and Cox present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Spinner seconded by Cox and carried to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting.

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

A Special Event Permit Application was presented by Huntingburg Heritage for the Herbstfest parade, Trent Singer Walk/Run. The events will be on 9/24/16 and 9/25/16.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Huntingburg Heritage's Special Event Permit Application as presented.

Safety Director Foerster informed the Board of the Latino Festival on September 2, and 3, 2016 at the City Park. He noted the event was approved by the Park Board.

Street Lead Person, Kelly Allen presented the monthly Street Department report. He informed the Board that J.H. Rudolph will be milling streets this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Attorney Schneider informed the Board that late last summer, Emil Oster filed suit against the City and against all his neighbors that adjoin an alley that runs North and South near his house in the 400 block of N. Washington Street. He noted the City has maintained the alley over the years and the 11 foot strip was never titled to anyone. The issue went to mediation and the City made an offer to erect 4 iron poles off the rock/paved portion of the alley but on Mr. Oster's property. Oster has tentatively approved the offer. Attorney Schneider recommended the settlement agreement with Mr. Oster.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the settlement agreement with Oster as presented.

Allen brought up the issue of limbs being brought to the Street Department lot. He indicated that the Street Department would like to shut the limb drop off down entirely mainly because of the \$2,000 per month cost to the City. He also noted that the City provides limb pickup twice per month. He noted that in order to get rid of the limbs

the trash needs to be separated from it. He noted it has gotten out of hand in the last few years. He is proposing to gate the lot off at the two main gates of the lot. He noted they will still have 3 parking spaces for recycling with a walk-through gate. Discussion followed. He estimated that the gates would cost \$2,000.00. He noted a lot of out of town dumpers and contractors. The Mayor would like to gate the lot first and allow dumping during the day when the Street Department is open.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to proceed with gating the limb collection area after normal business hours.

Tara Damin, of Cash Waggner, was present to update the Board on the INDOT 50/50 Community Crossing Grant application process. It was noted the application has been sent in.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. He noted problems with the Keifer Bros. portion of the force main project that are being addressed.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. It was noted that the open house of the new police station has been cancelled due to condensation problems with the building. Once the condensation problems are corrected, an open house will be planned.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He noted that after the recent fire at Steinkamp warehouse, the aerial platform truck developed an oil leak resulting in the cylinder being pulled and sent in for repair.

Code Enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report. He noted the issue of grass in the street being a problem. He informed the Board that the process is to hang a tag on the door at the property indicating they have 2 days to clean up with the day of the hanging the tag being the first day and one additional day. If the grass is cleaned up, all is fine, if not, a ticket will be issued for non-compliance. It was noted that the issue will be publicized in the utility bill insert.

Collett also noted that a temporary dumpster permit needs to be obtained from the City when a temporary dumpster is placed. He noted that there is no charge for the permit but making people aware and establishing a safe environment are the issues. He noted that if an unpermitted dumpster is discovered, a letter will be sent giving the owner 5 days to get a permit; if no permit is obtained, a citation will be issued.

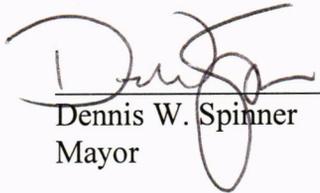
Safety Director Foerster had questions of whether the owner should present a certificate of insurance for the dumpster. Attorney Schneider will look at the City ordinance to see if one is required.

Planning Director Lake updated the Board on the demo process of the Blackgrove and Lueken properties connected with the overpass project. He noted that the demolition of the two properties will be advertised next Friday. He also noted that Habitat for Humanity (non-profit entity) wants to do a walkthrough to see if there are any items they can use before the demolition. It was noted that if there are items that Habitat for

Humanity wants they will have to be identified and declared surplus by the City before they can be given to them. It was noted that if anyone wants anything out of the houses that would be between the winning demolition contractor and the individual; the City would not be involved at that point.

Lake noted the asbestos inspections were completed and both houses are free of asbestos.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:16 A.M.

  
Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer