

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 13, 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, September 13, 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 Kissling, Bounds, McPherron and Blessinger were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Member Wehr was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2016 meeting.

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

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the 2016 Trick-or-Treat hours of Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Ed Cole, President of Dubois Strong, was present to update the Council on the activities, achievements and goals of Dubois Strong.

Andy Nass, representing the Fairmount Cemetery, Inc. was present to request financial assistance for the cemetery. He gave a history of the cemetery and presented financial reports that he indicated showed approximately an average of \$10,000 loss per year. Attorney Schneider indicated that since Fairmount Cemetery, Inc. is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501 (c) and is of cultural and historical importance to the City, the City can donate to the operations of the cemetery. The Council agreed to provide \$5,000 to the cemetery for the remainder of 2016 and will determine at a later date if and what amount the City will provide in 2017.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve Resolution No. 2016-26 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DETERMINING
FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY, INC. A PUBLIC FACILITY OF CULTURAL AND
HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN AID THEREOF**

Funding sources were discussed for the future of the cemetery. It was brought up that the township should also contribute. No amount was set for a contribution for 2017. The Mayor recommended using funds from the Riverboat Fund for a possible donation in 2017.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to increase the 2017 budget in the Riverboat Fund by \$10,000.

The Mayor presented an agreement between the City of Huntingburg and INDOT for installation and maintenance of an early warning signal at Styline Drive and U.S. Highway 231. The agreement indicates that INDOT will place the signal and the City will purchase and maintain. The signal is to notify traffic when there is a train on the track so they will know to take the new Styline Drive instead of having to wait for a train. The signal will be placed north of 14th Street on Highway 231.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the agreement between the City and INDOT as presented.

The Mayor indicated that one of the Stellar projects is to relocate the Street Department out of the flood plain and construct a safe room for citizens to go to in an emergency. He presented a Construction Services Proposal from C.H. Garmong and Son, Inc. for procurement services and development of the project's scope of work. The

agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and would be paid by the Dubois County Foundation through the Stellar Fund and Dubois County.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the agreement between the City and Garmong as noted above.

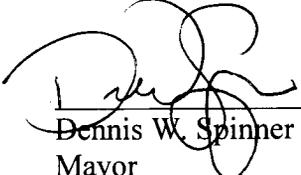
A revised ordinance for net electric metering was presented for review. It was noted that with a new rate, the Utility Rate Advisory Board would need to make a recommendation to the Council. The Mayor proposed a joint meeting with the Council and the Utility Rate Advisory Board on September 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

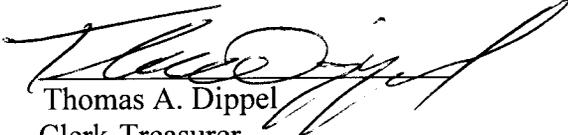
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger to ask the Utility Rate Advisory Board to convene on September 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to consider a tariff rate for net metering for the City of Huntingburg.

Reutepohler informed the Board that the Solar Park went on-line this past Thursday afternoon. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 3, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the Solar Park.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the upcoming Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay and Huntingburg Herbstfest.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer