

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 11, 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, October 11, 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, Blessinger and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Attorney Schneider 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 September 27, 2016 meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place for the adoption meeting for the 2017 City budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel summarized the budget noting it had not changed from the budget hearing. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the budget. There were no questions.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Blessinger and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-30 entitled:

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX
RATES
(FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2017)**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-30 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Kissling-citing IC 1-23-2, "Abstention from voting on budget and tax levies Sec. 2. A member of the fiscal body of a unit may not participate in a vote on the adoption of the unit's budget and tax levies if the member is a volunteer firefighter in a volunteer fire department"), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-30 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:05 P.M.

The Mayor presented a spreadsheet listing percentage changes related to the 2017 employee salary ordinance. There was discussion on proposed changes. He indicated that based on the discussion he would draft a proposed ordinance. The Mayor noted that job by job changes can be addressed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to instruct the Mayor to enter into the proposed salary ordinance an increase for the high end of the salary ordinance range of 2% made up of a 1% across the board increase and up to a 1% merit increase based on supervisor evaluations.

Heidi Reller, Executive Director of the Huntingburg Housing Authority, was present to answer any questions the Council might have concerning the Huntingburg Housing Authority Annual Report and Audit for fiscal year end 12/31/2015. She updated the Council on Huntingburg Housing Authority activities.

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place for the public hearing on an additional appropriation of \$436,193 for road work to be done with City and Community Crossing Grant funds. The Mayor opened the hearing and asked if anyone would like to comment on the proposed additional appropriation. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-29 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE 2016 BUDGET YEAR
(\$436,193)**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-29 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-29 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:26 P.M

The Mayor informed the Council that there was a bid opening for the Washington Street project to be funded by TIF and Community Crossing Grant funds but the bid received was twice the engineer's estimates so the work was not awarded. The work will be done by City employees early in 2017.

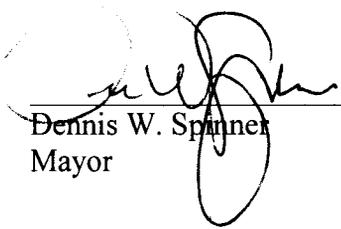
The Mayor informed the Council of the upcoming Huntingburg Active Living Workshop to learn how to build an active living community for all ages and abilities. The workshop will be held at Old Town Hall on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that yesterday he received a letter from OCRA that the City received environmental clearance on the Market Street project. He noted that with this environmental clearance the clearance for release of funds; \$1,400,000; was also given.

The Mayor informed the Council that a deadline was missed for final approval from INDOT on the overpass project preventing the bids to be let in December of 2016. He noted the project bid will now be let in the February 2017 bid letting. He noted that DLZ, our project engineers, do not think this will affect the completion date. The project is still anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017, last 16-18 months, and be completed by fall of 2018.

The Mayor indicated that the Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce is hosting an update of Stellar projects at 8:30 A.M. at the Chamber Office in the Old National Bank Building. He also informed the Council that office hours at Current Blend will continue from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. for public input and to answer the public's questions on the 4th Street project.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer