

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 25, 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 25, 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, Attorney Schneider, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Flick.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting.

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

Paul Lake, City of Huntingburg Planning Director, presented a report with regards to amending the Huntingburg Rezoning Map. His report included a summary of concerns brought up in the September 26, 2016 Plan Commission public hearing for the rezoning request for East 22nd Street.

Marty Welp, representing the petitioner, and Eric Schue, legal counsel for the petitioner, were present to address questions regarding the proposed development. Lengthy discussion followed.

Steven Beck, who resides on Northview Drive, voiced his concerns regarding the development on East 22nd Street.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-31 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING A ZONING DISTRICT
AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP UNDER
TITLE 154 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE**

Upon call of roll for the introduction or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-31, the vote being 3 ayes and 2 nays (Blessinger and Wehr), in favor of introduction, Ordinance No. 2016-31 was introduced.

Attorney Schneider indicated that this is a zoning ordinance and it can be adopted on the same night that it is introduced without suspending the rules.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-31.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-31, the vote being 5 ayes and 0 nays in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-31 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:40 P.M.

Mayor Spinner summarized changes made to the proposed 2017 Salary Ordinance based on discussions from the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-32 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-32 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-32.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-32, the vote being 5 ayes and 0 nays in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:43 P.M.

Don Foerster was present to ask for a change in the amount employees are charged for medical insurance provided by the City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the rates recommended by Foerster for medical coverage.

Nick Jahn, Fourth Street Project Manager with VS Engineering, presented an update on the project. He indicated soil boring sample testing will take place on Fourth Street tomorrow (Wednesday). He also indicated they will continue to have office hours at the Current Blend location two times per month.

Mayor Spinner announced that on October 10, 2016 the City received official notice from the Office of Community and Rural affairs that the Grant award in the amount of 1.4 million dollars for the Market Street Park has been approved. Construction on this project should begin in the spring of 2017.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric report. The Electric Department has started on the electric relocation for the Overpass project as they received a notice to proceed. He distributed pictures to show the poor condition of the poles in the Industrial Park area.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas report. He distributed pictures of pressure reducing stations and discussed improvements that have been made to them. Reutepohler also indicated that work is being done to take the rock out of the gas storage field to return it to its normal state.

Mayor Spinner indicated that Ordinance No. 2016-27 regarding Net Metering and the associated Tariff was introduced in September and is now before the council for final adoption.

Attorney Schneider indicated this is the date, time, and place for a public hearing for the Net Metering Program and the Tariff associated with it. The Mayor asked for any comments regarding the ordinance. No comments were received from the public.

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

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-27 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A
NET METERING PROGRAM AND TARIFF FOR THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG ELECTRIC UTILITY**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-27, the vote being 5 ayes and 0 nays in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-27 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:23 P.M.

Superintendent Stamm presented the monthly Water report. He indicated they have received a notice to proceed with the water line relocation for the Overpass project. Stamm discussed three quotes for supplies needed for the Overpass project. He asked for approval of the Utility Supply quote in the amount of \$30,129.70.

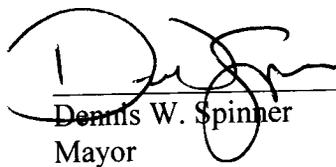
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the quote from Utility Supply in the amount of \$30,129.70.

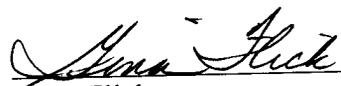
Mayor Spinner discussed the Water Superintendent position. He indicated that Jason Stamm was previously appointed as Water Superintendent on a 90 day probationary period. Based on Stamm's recommendation, and an interview, it was decided to recommend Gary Meyerholtz for the Water Superintendent position.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling, and carried to approve Gary Meyerholtz for the Water Superintendent position.

Councilman Bounds reminded all that early voting is available at the Huntingburg Event Center the next two Saturdays as well as at the Courthouse during the week.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Gina Flick
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer