

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, December 6, 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, December 6, 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 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 November 22, 2016 meeting.

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

The Council discussed the elected officers' salaries for 2017. It was decided that a 4% increase for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer would be in order to keep the pay for those positions above superintendents' pay range. The Council decided to increase Council members' pay by 3%. There was discussion of some previous years of no increases for Council members and the need to keep up yearly so that large increases are not needed to keep Council pay in line with like communities. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer pay would reflect a 4% increase broken down as \$254.03 per week from each of the General, Electric, Gas, Water and Wastewater funds; totaling \$1,270.15 per week. The Council pay would reflect a 3% increase broken down as \$177.16 per month from each of the General, Electric, Gas, and Water funds; totaling \$708.64 per month.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-33 reflecting the above changes. Ordinance No. 2016-33 is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS OF
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-33 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-33.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2016-33 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2016-33 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:13 P.M.

A list of holidays was presented for approval for 2017. A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the list of 2017 holidays as presented.

The 2017 City calendar was presented for approval. A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the 2017 City calendar as presented.

Kamie Hubbs of Universal Design was present to present proposals for the Chamber Council Room Refresh Project. The project includes a new conference table with granite ends, 10 new executive chairs, 40 new public chairs, a new lectern, a new hospitality cart, a new media wall unit, new flooring (carpet in the Council Chambers and all upstairs floors and steps to bottom of steps), a new granite countertop for media area, and wainscoting behind media area. There was discussion on the dual televisions not being large enough for the public to view. The media wall unit proposed by OFS was a standard unit and in order to have larger televisions, the units may have to be custom made. The cost proposed as presented was \$55,150.23; this amount does not include

Universal Design's fees. Hubbs will seek revised proposals that will include a custom media wall unit with at least 54 inch televisions and more public chairs to be reviewed at the next Council meeting. The Mayor recommended using Riverboat Fund money to pay for this project. It was noted that an additional appropriation will need to be done for the 2017 budget.

Park Board President Mike Fulkerson addressed the Council about a proposed ordinance that would prohibit smoking in City parks. He noted the health concerns and maintenance issues as reasons for the smoking ban at all park facilities. He asked the Council to approve the ordinance.

Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed ordinance. He noted the fine would be \$10.00 and also the person could be removed from the facility for non-compliance. It was noted that police and code enforcement officials could enforce this ordinance.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-34 entitled:

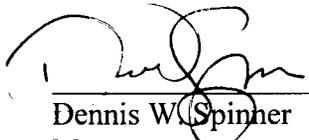
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING WITHIN THE PUBLIC PARKS AND PUBLIC PARK FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

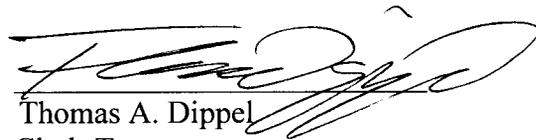
This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the next meeting, giving time for public input.

The 2017 material bids were presented for approval of the fuel bid received. The low bid was from Synergy.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the low bid of Synergy for fuel for the year 2017.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer