

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, December 1, 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 were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that 2017 material bids need to be considered for approval.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the low bid from Cave Quarries for Item A, Crushed Stone.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to accept the low bid from Cave Quarries for Item B, Hot mix.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the low bid from J.H. Rodolph for Item C, Bituminous Material and Milling Services.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the low bid from Synergy, Inc. for Item D, Fuel.

The Mayor indicated that the release of escrow funds needs to be considered for Atlas Excavating, Inc. related to the wastewater force main project. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel explained the funds have already been paid to the escrow agent, Huntington National Bank, and now need to be approved for release from the escrow agent to the contractor. The release requested is for half the escrow; \$37,450.00. There is still some work to be completed on the project therefore half is being retained in escrow until completion.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve the release of \$37,450.00 of escrow funds to Atlas Excavating, Inc. as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that 11<sup>th</sup> Street is complete and Chestnut Street is complete.

Stamm also noted the leaf machine was delivered. He indicated that the amount approved for the leaf machine was \$49,832.00 but the actual amount was \$52,832.00 because the 1<sup>st</sup> approval included a \$3,000.00 trade-in for the old machine. The old

machine was kept as a back-up. A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the purchase price as amended to \$52,832.00 for the new leaf machine.

Stamm reported that Stellar Way in Hunter's Crossing subdivision was paved but the surface was left off until at least 90% of the homes are complete.

Stamm noted he is working on specifications for a new street sweeper and he will get to the Board when complete.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. He noted that a new NPDES permit was received from IDEM with a 3 year extension on phosphorus removal. He noted the City should save about \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in each of the next 3 years by not having to treat the waste water for phosphorus. He noted the permit is good through 2022.

There was discussion on the proposed fuel trailer purchase. It was recommended the trailer be purchased from Acme Tow Dolly Company for the quoted price of \$10,230.55.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the purchase of a fuel trailer from Acme Tow Dolly Company in the amount of \$10,230.55.

Kemp requested permission to use Wastewater operating funds if needed to purchase the fuel trailer and service truck. He noted that permission was given at a prior meeting to use wastewater project funds for the purchase of these two items.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to use project funds first and operating funds second as needed, to purchase the fuel trailer and service truck.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on new officer Andrew Jones. Parks also requested permission to solicit quotes for a new police vehicle.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Chief Parks to solicit quotes for a new police vehicle.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He presented quotes for 4 SCBAs. The low quote was from MES in the amount of \$19,430.00. He noted the funds are in the 2016 budget.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the purchase of 4 SCBAs from MES in the amount of \$19,430.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake update the Board on Stellar projects. He presented quotes for demolition of two houses the City purchased for the Railroad Overpass project. The low quotes were from Cooper Rail for \$5,160.00 for demolition of the property at 1308

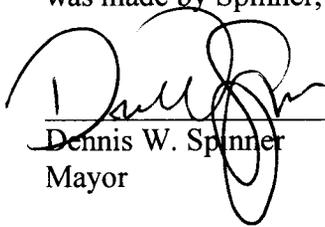
N. Chestnut Street and \$7,920.00 for demolition of the property at 1310 N. Chestnut Street. The Total amount will be \$13,080.00 for both.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried to accept the low quotes from Cooper Rail for demolition noted above.

Attorney Schneider updated the Board on the negotiations for the lawsuit brought by Emil Oster over an alley near his home on Washington Street. Schneider indicated that the City does use and maintain the alley in question as an alley. The proposal is that if the City gives Oster a license to encroach on the alley with his landscaping he will agree to let the City move posts on Oster's property so that a radius can be maintained to allow passage of vehicles. Oster also wants to fence the property. Schneider noted that the fence must be at least two feet off the traveled portion of the alley so he can maintain it on both sides.

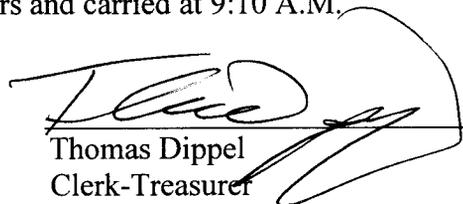
A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to have Attorney Schneider continue negotiations with Mr. Oster on the terms that were presented this morning.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:10 A.M.



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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



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Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer