

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, June 28, 2012
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 Thursday, June 28, 2012 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 Lehr, Kissling, McPherron, Blackgrove and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

With an amendment of a date, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting as amended.

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

Ed Corr, representing Metronet, Inc. presented an introduction of his company and a presentation of a proposed Metronet Fiber-To-The-Premise ("FTTP") Project. The fiber network project would service the Jasper, Huntingburg area. There were questions of the pricing of the service. Mr. Corr indicated that he will get pamphlets with bundle pricing information to the Council in the morning.

The Mayor updated the Council on a meeting he had with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in Vincennes, Indiana yesterday regarding a paving project scheduled for US Hwy 231 in Huntingburg. He noted an addition to the project of a section of Main Street from 2nd Avenue north to just south of 4th Street. He also noted that he hoped to work out a deal with INDOT for property owners on Main Street who have their sewer laterals repaired ahead of the paving to do so under one bonding issue for a substantial savings to the property owners.

The Mayor updated the Council on the recent surplus auction. He noted that all items sold and the income was \$10,159.00.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented a specification book to be used for the re-painting of the west water tank. He noted the project will entail sandblasting the interior of the tank down to the metal, which has not been done for about 30 years. It will also include installation of a stainless steel mixer. He noted the estimated cost to be approximately \$250,000. He requested permission to seek bids for the repainting of the west water tank.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the request of Utilities Superintendent Traylor to seek bids on the repainting of the west water tank as noted above and to set a public meeting for July 24, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall to open the bids and to appoint a committee of Clerk-Treasurer Dippel, Mayor Spinner and Utilities Superintendent Traylor to open the bids.

Traylor presented a quote for the inspection of the dam at the City Lake from Patriot Engineering. The amount of the quote is \$3,000.00. An inspection of the dam is required by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the quote of Patriot Engineering for inspection of the dam at the Huntingburg City Lake.

The Mayor informed the Council that he would like to have a Council meeting with a one item agenda to discuss the gas storage field in an afternoon in July.

Attorney Schneider summarized previously introduced proposed ordinances that deal with the height of grass and rank vegetation and the new provision for a continuous abatement notice along with setting fines for violations.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-24 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF
WEEDS AND OTHER RANK VEGETATION**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-24 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-24 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:51 P.M.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-25 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152.07 THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND LOTS**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-25 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-25 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:52 P.M.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-26 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES
FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-26 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-26 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:53 P.M.

Attorney Schneider informed the Council of the new statute relating to the water and sewer rate differentials for customers inside the City vs. outside the City limits. He noted that the City Water Utility currently has a 25% surcharge for rural customers. He indicated that in order preserve the 25% rate differential and take advantage of the grandfathering provision in the statute, the City needs to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to have the rates approved. He indicated that he exercised some discretion to meet the deadline and went ahead and filed the petition with the IURC and requested the Board ratify the petition.

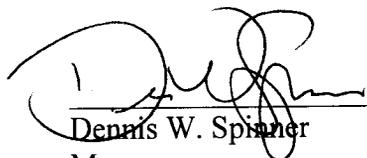
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve and ratify the petition filed with the IURC to approve the City's Water Utility rate differential as noted above.

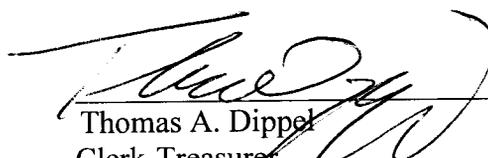
The Mayor informed the Council of his meetings with other officials concerning the prohibition of fireworks due to the current drought conditions. Attorney Schneider summarized the current laws and the City's inability to regulate the use of consumer fireworks.

The Mayor encouraged people to attend the public fireworks displays rather than using personal fireworks.

The Mayor indicated that the City office building is designated as a safe haven for those people that need relief from the heat.

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


Dennis W. Spisner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer