

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011**

**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, January 18, 2011 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 Boeglin, Summers, Sparrow, and Kays were present. Also present were Mayor Belcher and City Attorney Schneider. Member Majors was absent.

Mayor Belcher called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting.

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

The annual Board of Finance meeting was opened, conducted and adjourned.

Attorney Schneider led a discussion of the need for a rate increase for the Wastewater Department. He presented a proposed ordinance. He noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Utility Rate Advisory Board both have reviewed the report by O.W. Krohn and Associates and have recommended to the Common Council an 11 percent increase in wastewater rates. He noted that the need for the rate increase is driven by the need for working capital, to meet the bond coverage of outstanding bonds and to generate sufficient cash to address inflow and infiltration problems in the system. He also noted the new phosphorus regulations that will become effective on January 1, 2012 will need to be addressed.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-04 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to set a public hearing date for the proposed wastewater rate increase for February 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Transit System.

The Mayor informed the Council that the State Fire Marshal still has free fire alarms available for the hearing impaired.

Nick Stevens, Director of Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce, informed the Council of an upcoming Energy Summit at the Huntingburg Event Center to inform the public of biomass, solar, wind and hydro energy. The Summit will be held on February 15, 2011 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Purdue extension office and IMPA will also be involved.

Attorney Schneider presented a memorandum of proposed Gas and Electric Ordinance amendments. He gave background and summarized the proposed ordinances.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-05 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING REGULATIONS FOR THE NATURAL GAS UTILITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried for unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2011-05 on the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-05.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2011-05 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Majors), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2011-05 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:40 P.M.

There was concern about the lack of an insurance requirement for the proposed electric ordinance amendment.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to table the proposed electric ordinance amendment until a review of the insurance issue was done.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented quotes for updating the Electric Utility's Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans. The low quote was from ERM in the amount of \$3,850.00. It was noted that ERM is recommended by IMPA.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the proposal of ERM in the amount of \$3,850.00 for updating the Electric Utility's Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans.

Traylor presented one quote received for the repair of the water utility's transfer switch for standby power. The only quote received was EVAPAR in the amount of \$4,233.50.

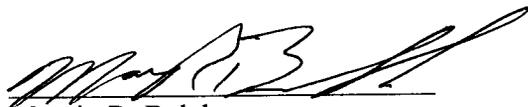
A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to accept the quote of EVAPAR in the amount of \$4,233.50 for the repair of the water utility's transfer switch for standby power.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report. He noted that work is being done on the proposed gas main loop that needs to be done on CR 300 and CR 350 in Jasper due to removal of our regulator station for a temporary road bypass that INDOT is putting in to work on the Alter Creek Bridge on Hwy. 56 in Ireland. The work is expected to cost about \$50,000.00. He also noted that the water utility did not receive the OCRA grant applied for in 2010.

Traylor presented his goals and needs list for the utilities for 2011.

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Museum Board will have their BINGO fund raiser at the VFW on February 8, 2011.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 o'clock P.M.

  
Marvin R. Belcher  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer