

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2013**  
**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, February 28, 2013 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, McPherron, Blackgrove and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member Kissling was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

Michael Cummings, Director of Dubois Strong, was present to update the Council on Dubois Strong's efforts, services and goals. He presented a 2013 Program Summary.

Lisa Gehlhausen, Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, addressed the Council about a proposed Community Focus Fund Planning Grant (CFF-PG) through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, where the City may receive up to \$40,000 in grant funds for the development of a Downtown Plan. She indicated Indiana 15 is willing to assist the City through the application process, firm selection process and grant submission. If the CFF-PG is approved, Indiana 15 would contract with the City for \$5,000 that the City would consider as local funds toward the project. She indicated that in order to proceed, the City would need to adopt a declaratory resolution that a downtown area be designated as an area in need of redevelopment. The six block downtown area is bound by 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Geiger Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Van Buren Street.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2013-09 entitled:

**DECLARATORY RESOLUTION FOR DOWNTOWN  
REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance that would create a City Tree Board in the City at the recommendation of State Urban Forester, Carrie Tauscher, who recently met with a group from the city. He noted that the Board would deal with matters pertaining to trees in the City. This would be a 5 member board with 2 members appointed by the Council and 3 members appointed by the Mayor. He noted that anyone who wants to serve should contact the City Office.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-10 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CITY TREE BOARD IN THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-10 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-10.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-10 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Kissling) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-10 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:23 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a Bad Debts Write-Offs Report for 2012. He noted that though the accounts will be written off of the books of each utility, collection efforts will continue. The write-offs total \$16,781.43.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the utility write-offs as presented.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented quotes for utility poles. The low quote was from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$20,710.00.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the low quote from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$20,710.00.

Reutepohler requested approval to hire a part-time position to basically do mowing.

The Mayor indicated that due to the recent health care bill the City will be limiting part-time help to less than 30 hours per week.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve Reutepohler's request to hire a seasonal part-time position in the Energy Department.

Reutepohler informed the Board of his decision to hire Colin Leinenbach for the open lineman position in the Electric Utility.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted he is looking into the possibility of having a company pump, compress and purchase the natural gas in the storage field.

Water Superintendent Traylor presented the monthly Water Utility report. He requested approval to hire a seasonal part-time position. He indicated that he will be hiring Rich Thyen for the position.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve Traylor's request for a seasonal part-time position in the Water Utility.

Traylor presented quotes for the engineering of a proposed building near the water treatment plant. He gave reasons why the building was needed. The dimensions of the building would be 64' x 34' x 14' and would be a post frame building.

The low quote was \$6,400.00 from Universal Design.

Traylor estimated the cost of the building to be approximately \$72,000.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to accept the low quote of Universal Design in the amount of \$6,400.00 for engineering of proposed building.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed ordinance amending police positions that have recently changed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-11 entitled:

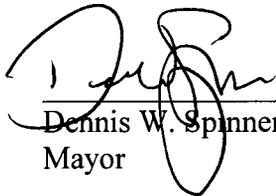
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 37.02 REGARDING POSITIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2013-11 at the same meeting it was introduced.

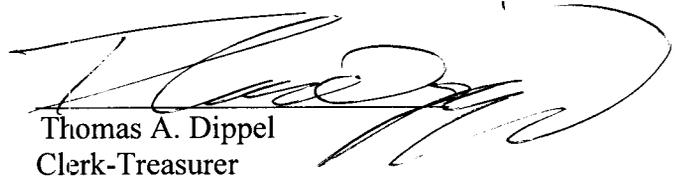
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-11.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-11 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Kissling) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-11 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:01 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer