

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, January 26, 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, January, 26, 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, Blackgrove, McPherron and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place set for the Water Utility Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG). He opened the hearing noting the project is for improvements to the main line feed from Patoka Reservoir into the City. He introduced Mike Cummings of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Cummings summarized the grant procedures and associated deadlines for sending in the proposal and the application. He noted the general proposal is due by February 10, 2012, and the application is due by June 8, 2012. He indicated that the grant requires a 10% match from the City.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor detailed the project, noting that it would consist of replacing 41,000 feet of 16 inch water pipe, East of 1st Street in Huntingburg.

The Mayor asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

The public hearing was closed.

Traylor then presented his monthly report. He noted that 1,700 feet of I blocks on the City Lake dam are in need of replacement.

Traylor asked the Board for approval to fill a full-time Gas Utility Service Tech opening in the Gas Department.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the replacement of a full-time Gas Utility Service Tech in the Gas Department.

Traylor asked the Board for approval to fill a full-time Water Utility Service Tech opening in the Water Department.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the replacement of a full-time Water Utility Service Tech in the Water Department.

Traylor requested permission to solicit quotes for a 40 ft by 80 ft pole building to be built on the City's 3rd Street lot. He noted the building would be used to house equipment and material for the Electric, Water and Gas Utilities. He noted the cost would also be shared by the three utilities.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to approve Traylor to seek quotes for a 40 ft. by 80 ft. pole building to be built on the City's 3rd Street lot.

Traylor presented quotes for 100 ERTs for the Gas Utility. The low quote was from United Systems for \$53.00 per unit for a total of \$5,300.00.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to accept the low quote of \$5,300.00 for 100 ERTs from United Systems.

Traylor presented quotes for 1½ inch foam insulation with thermal barrier for the utility office warehouse. The low quote was \$12,099.85 from Jim Gogel. He noted that the cost would be shared between Electric, Water and Gas Utilities.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the low quote from Jim Gogel of \$12,099.85 for 1 ½ inch foam insulation with thermal barrier for the utility office warehouse as presented.

Traylor updated the Board on the status of the City Lake dredging project. He presented documentation related to the amount of cubic yard to be removed and possible sludge application sites. He noted the cost of the project is still unknown and depends on the method of dredging and sludge removal. He noted that Commonwealth Engineers will help with the evaluation of the options. He noted the reason for the project is related to water quality and the cost would be paid from the Water Operation and Maintenance fund.

Planning Director Hazlewood indicated that the City received an application for rezoning of 5 vacant lots on west 12th Street owned by Huntingburg Civic Investment, Inc. Marvin Boeglin and Bob Patberg were present to answer any questions the Council may have concerning the lots. The request is to rezone the property from R-1 to I-1. He noted the Huntingburg Planning Commission, at a meeting on January 23, 2012, recommended the rezoning by a vote of 10-0 in favor of rezoning.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2012-05 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING A ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING
THE ZONING MAP UNDER CHAPTER 154 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE**

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to suspend the rules with unanimous consent and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2012-05 on the same date and meeting at which it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-05.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-05 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 Nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-05 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:50 P.M.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed resolution concerning the small purchasing policy and appointments of Purchasing Agents for various departments of the City. He summarized the new small purchasing policy which would appoint the department heads of the Utilities Department, Mayor's Department, Clerk-Treasurer's Department and Transportation Department, Purchasing Agents for the various departments they head.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2012-06 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2001-44
ESTABLISHING POLICIES SUPPLEMENTING THE STATUTORY
PROVISIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG AND ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance dealing with tax abatement within the City of Huntingburg. He noted that this ordinance is basically the same ordinance as was passed by the City of Jasper and Dubois County so that the abatement would be the same everywhere in the County. The exception is that the City of Huntingburg ordinance has provisions dealing with TIF districts which the County and Jasper do not have.

Attorney Schneider summarized the ordinance and indicated that a previous tax abatement program was allowed to expire in 2005. He recommended the ordinance be introduced tonight but reviewed and considered for adoption at the next meeting.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2012-07 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

The Mayor noted that establishment of an Unsafe Building Fund was discussed at the last meeting and summarized the need for such a fund.

Attorney Schneider indicated that an Unsafe Building Fund already was established but was never funded.

The Mayor indicated that he would like to use some of the funds acquired from the sale of the CORE property to fund the Unsafe Building Fund.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers to transfer \$10,000 from the CORE Property Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund.

Discussion followed and there was concern that \$10,000 may not be enough to fund future projects.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers to withdraw their previous motion to transfer \$10,000 from the CORE Property Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to transfer \$20,000 from the CORE Property Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund.

It was noted that in order to spend the money from the Unsafe Building Fund an additional appropriation will need to be done.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2012-08 entitled:

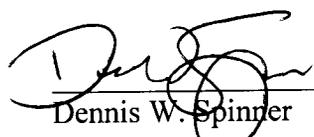
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2012 BUDGET YEAR

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set a public hearing for the \$20,000 proposed additional appropriation for the Unsafe Building Fund, for February 23, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall

Brendon McCormick, a resident of Huntingburg, addressed the Board and asked the Utility Board to discontinue the City's practice of fluoridation of City water. He presented his argument.

The Mayor asked Utilities Superintendent Traylor to come up with a recommendation for the Board.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer