

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, October 25, 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, October 25, 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.

A motion was made by Kissling seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting as presented.

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

O.W. Krohn of O.W. Krohn & Associates, LLP, CPA's and Consultants, the City's rate accountant, was present to give the Board an update of the Electric, Water, and Gas Utilities.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the proposed 2013 Budget for adoption. He indicated the proposed budget would be \$7,364,768.00, the proposed tax levy would be \$1,733,068.00 and the proposed total tax rate would be 1.2379.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments on the 2013 budget. No one commented.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-32 entitled:

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE (2013)

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-32 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:22 P.M.

There was continued discussion of the possibility of allowing archery within the City limits. Attorney Schneider indicated that this requires a great deal of consideration for safety and that the City has a certain obligation to protect all citizens. Tim Beck, DNR Outdoor Education Coordinator spoke in favor of an ordinance to allow archery in the City limits. Safety was a concern of the Council. There was favor for the City to construct an archery range and also interest by the Council to have an ordinance drafted to allow private archery ranges within the City limits. Attorney Schneider was instructed to draft an ordinance after discussing the safety issues with Mr. Beck and bring the proposed ordinance to the Council for review at a future meeting. It was noted that if the City wants to move forward with a public archery range the project would fall under the Parks and Recreation Department to pursue.

There was discussion on moving the Council meeting scheduled for November 22, 2012 to November 29, 2012 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the moving of the November 22, 2012 meeting to November 29, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Darren Hawkins of Energy Systems Group of Newburgh, Indiana presented a project overview of a proposed project to use compressed natural gas (CNG) to fuel some of Huntingburg's utility vehicles. The Board has continued interest in the project and will continue to investigate.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report.

Traylor presented a quote from Steinkamp Home Center for blown-in insulation to be installed in the new 3rd Street lot building. The quote was for \$1,760.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the quote from Steinkamp Home Center in the amount of \$1,760.00 for blown-in insulation as presented.

Traylor requested acceptance of a donation from Touch of Class of 17, 14 foot metal racks to be installed in the 3rd Street lot building. The value of the donated racks is \$1,710.00.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept the Touch of Class, Inc.'s donation of racks valued at \$1,710.00.

Traylor requested permission to give a donation of \$100.00 from the Electric Utility to the Southridge High School's Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Club (STEM) to help build, design and enter two super mileage cars in competitions throughout Indiana. Stickers would be made up showing Huntingburg Electric Utility as a supporter to be placed on the cars.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the donation of \$100.00 to Southridge High School's-STEM as noted above.

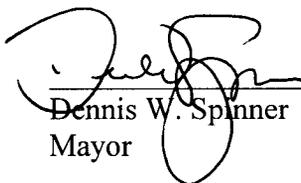
Traylor requested permission to seek quotes for a trencher for the Electric Utility. He noted the quotes will be receive on November 21, 2012.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve Traylor obtaining quotes for a trencher for the Electric Utility.

The Mayor indicated that a review of the machine rates and labor rates used to charge others for the use of City equipment and labor have been summarized in a proposed policy "Equipment Usage and Labor Charges". The policy was reviewed and it was decided to continue to look at the labor rates. Suggested labor rates will be presented at a future meeting. It was noted that these rates should be in the form of an ordinance by the Council.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Phoenix Drive resurfacing project being as a TIF district project.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer