

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, October 11, 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 11, 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 Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting as presented.

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

Nick Stevens, Executive Director of the Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce, updated the Council on the City's 175th Anniversary Kickoff Event held in July. He indicated that a check was given to the Herbstfest Committee in the amount of \$753.31 representing the remaining funds from the Kickoff Event.

Sarah Flamion, Herbstfest Committee Chairperson, updated the Council on the Herbstfest. She share some highlights and indicated the fest was a success.

The Mayor asked if there was any more discussion on the elected officer's salary ordinance previously introduced as Ordinance No. 2012-30. Council Member Kissling indicated that he thought the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer should receive the same salary increase as other City employees and recommended an amendment to Ordinance No. 2012-30.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Lehr and carried to amend Ordinance No. 2012-30 to provide for a 1.5% salary increase for the elected positions of Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer for the year 2013. Ordinance No. 2012-30 is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2013

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-30 as amended.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-30 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-30 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:14 P.M.

The Mayor informed the Council of the need to consider the salary ordinance for City employees for the year 2013. Proposed rates were presented which contained the general 1.5% increase plus the specific changes made to some positions. He proposed a change amending the previously presented rate for the position of GIS/CAD Tech from the current \$19.44 per hour to a rate of \$21.38 per hour (year 3). He indicated that the 2013 budget had the funding in it at the higher rate and he had originally indicated that there would be no change in rate for that position.

Member McPherron indicated that he would like to go on record as wanting to review the Park Operator/Maintenance position when reviewing the 2014 budget. A \$2.00 per hour increase was given the position in lieu of the 1.5% general increase. The review will be of the position and performance as it relates to like positions in the City to bring the pay up to the same level.

Member Summers questioned the 35 hours per week the Code Enforcement Officer is scheduled to work. The Mayor indicated that the increase was for the Code Enforcement Officer to work 7 hours a day noting that if the increase is not warranted then the hours could be reduced.

Member McPherron indicated that as long as the performance of the position of Code Enforcement Officer is as he deems worthy the proposed rate change should be followed and the hours should be monitored as for usefulness. He would like to monitor the performance of the position noting the current officer has only been in this position a short time.

The proposed ordinance reflects the general 1.5% increase and changes to specific positions as discussed previously and the new change to the GIS/CAD Tech position pay rate as discussed above.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2012-31 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2013

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2012-31 at the same meeting as it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-31.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-31 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-31 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:27 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place for the public hearing as published for the City of Huntingburg 2013 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the budget ordinance to the Council with the proposed budgeted appropriations, levy and tax rate. The proposed budget is \$7,364,768, the proposed levy is \$1,733,068, and the proposed tax rate is \$1.2379. Dippel indicated that the rate is calculated using \$140,000,000 of assessed value and the City's current assessed value is \$158,831,477. He estimated the tax rate to be around \$1.13 after the Department of Local Government Finance reviews the budget. There was Council discussion.

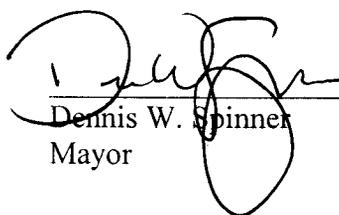
It being a public hearing for the 2013 budget, the Mayor asked if anyone had any comment on the budget. No comments were received. The hearing was closed.

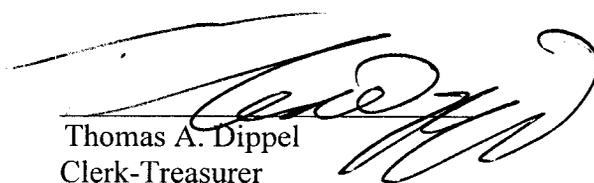
A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2012-32 entitled:

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE (2013)

The Mayor updated the Council on the progress of the rehabilitation of the Killian House. He indicated that a meeting was held with the owners at which a timeline for repairs was discussed. He noted the building will be used by a local union to train apprentices to tuck-point and possibly the high school building trades program may replace the front porch.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer