

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, September 1, 2022
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Blessinger and Schmett were present. Member Souders was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the claims for payment as presented.

Justin Reed, representing the Huntingburg Merchants' Association presented a Special Event Application for Fall Harvest Days to be held on October 8, 2022 on 4th Street and City Hall parking lot. The event will include hayrides driven by Dustin Schmett.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schwinghamer and carried to approve the Special Event Application as presented for Fall Harvest Days.

Sarah Flamion, Executive Director of Destination Huntingburg, presented a Special Event Application for The Christmas Journey to be held on December 3, 2022. The parade will run from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. on 4th Street from St. Mary's Church to Salem Church.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the Special Event Application as presented for The Christmas Journey.

Gene Mattingly, representing Lexi Mattingly Memorial, presented a Special Event Application for LUV4 LEXI & LAURA 5K to be held on the streets of Huntingburg on September 24, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. till 11:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the Special Event Application as presented for the LUV4 LEXI & LAURA 5K.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the West 1st Street project is complete. He also update the Board on the City Hall parking lot project noting the asphalt is done and the City will do the stripping and dirt work.

Stamm indicated that the existing City Hall parking lot needs to be sealed; he has sent out request for quotes.

Stamm proposed advertising the Dura Patch machine for sale. The sale and request for sealed bids will be advertised on September 13, 2022 and September 20, 2022 with the bid opening to be on September 29, 2022. Stamm indicated that there would be a reasonable reserve.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to declare the Dura Patch machine surplus and no longer needed for City purposes, recommending that it be sold through sealed bids.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to appoint the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Street Superintendent to the committee to open bids and set a public meeting to open bids for September 29, 2022.

Stamm would like to trade-in the blue New Holland tractor with sidearm mower for a tractor with a mid-mount mower. He asked for permission to seek quotes for the new tractor and mower.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Stamm seeking quotes for a new tractor and mower.

Stamm informed the Board that the application for the Community Crossing Matching Grant was submitted for Washington Street. He noted the Street Department will fix patches on Washington Street prior to reconstruction to expedite the project.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that he recommends the 19th Street lift station Hydromatic pump be rebuilt with stainless steel for \$15,700.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve rebuilding the Hydromatic pump.

Coomer requested recommending to the Council to get 2 appraisals for the property at 812 East 1st Street. He noted the property could be purchased and reduce the cost of the additional sewer main needed on East 1st Street. The appraisals would be paid for by the Wastewater Utility, and the costs have been included in the sewer system upgrade project to be paid for with USDA Rural Development funds. Coomer is to discuss with the property owner their openness to selling the property.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to go to the Council (for approval) to get appraisals for this house.

Coomer informed the Board that a sewer line needs to be replaced or repaired, connecting South Cherry Street to Orchard Ridge through the Phyllis Menke property. He would like to get quotes to slip line the existing 420 feet of sewer main in that area.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Coomer getting quotes to slip line the 420 feet of sewer main noted above.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that two dealers have informed him of a short window of time to order Durangos. He will solicit 3 quotes, but would like permission to accept the low quote prior to the next meeting. He noted the vehicles would be paid for from the 2023 budget, but he needs to get the order in. He will bring the quotes to the meeting in October.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve giving Parks permission to accept the low quote received for the 2 Durangos.

Parks requested the Board extend a conditional offer of employment as a City of Huntingburg Police Officer to Mitch Eckert. The offer would be conditional upon Eckert successfully passing the physical and mental tests required by PERF.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to offer Mitch Eckert a conditional offer of employment conditioned on Eckert successfully passing the physical and mental PERF evaluations, and approve hiring and swearing in Eckert after the tests are successfully passed.

The Mayor informed the Board of a Distinguished Service Award given to Tyson Bredemeier by the Huntingburg Police Department for de-escalating a possible shooting situation.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He noted that grain training is scheduled for September 12, 2022. Patberg solicited quotes to reroof, insulate and hang gutters on the 1st Street Fire Station. One quote was received. The lone quote received was from Schmidt Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$44,150.00. The reroof project will be paid out of the Cumulative Fire Fund.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the quote of Schmidt Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$44,150.00.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel swore in newly appointed Firefighter, Michael Dilly.


Planning Director Lake presented the monthly Code Enforcement report and the Building Permit report.

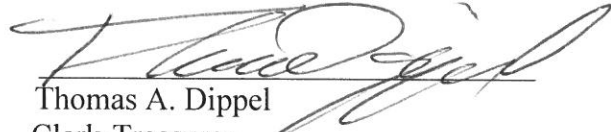
The Mayor announced the appointment of Donnie Heim as full-time Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer. He asked for the Board to approve his appointment.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the appointment.

The Mayor noted a schedule conflict for the October meeting. He indicated the scheduled October 6, 2022 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting will be moved to October 13, 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried at 9:25 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer