

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at the regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Dubon, Kissling and McPherron were physically present. Member Wehr and Bounds was present virtually. This meeting was made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via Facebook link at the City's Facebook page (City of Huntingburg). Also present were Mayor Schwinghamer, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Program & Events Report for the month of January 2023. He updated the Council on the improvements to League Stadium noting seats are being installed.

A proposed resolution was presented authorizing Dubois County Baseball, LLC d/b/a Dubois County Bombers to manage the City's Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission license allowing sale and consumption of beer and wine at League Stadium in accordance with the Management Agreement. Dubois County Baseball, LLC is to pay the City \$750.00 as reimbursement for the City's cost of the permit.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT AT
LEAGUE STADIUM**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted all electric is disconnected from the old Maple Park School. He informed the Council of the need for electric substation maintenance and presented quotes. The low quotes were from Blue Runner Switchgear Testing, LLC in the amount of \$27,170.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve the quotes from Blue Runner Switchgear Testing, LLC in the amount of \$27,170.00. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler also informed the Council of emergency services rates for Blue Runner Switchgear Testing, LLC when services are needed.

Reutepohler requested approval to pay 2023 membership dues to IMEA in the amount of \$9,076.58.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the payment to IMEA for 2023 membership dues in the amount of \$9,076.58. Upon call of roll for the

acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He requested approval of a correction to an OFS water account that was erroneously billed. The correction amount is for 12 months in the amount of \$1,812.05.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the credit to OFS in the amount of \$1,812.05.

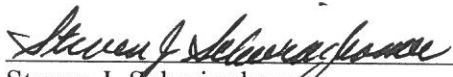
Austin informed the Board that there are 987 services left to check for lead & copper. He noted that the best practice of checking services close to mains is with a hydro excavator. He requested 3 quotes for a hydro excavator and received 2. The low quote was from Best Equipment in the amount of \$125,690.00. Financing was discussed. It was noted that the Energy Department and Wastewater Departments both have hydro excavators. The Energy Department's is 10 years old. Austin indicated that he looked into renting a unit but found it prohibitive (\$102,000.00 per year). Austin requested permission to purchase. Indiana Bond Bank and Electric Cash Reserve fund loans were discussed.

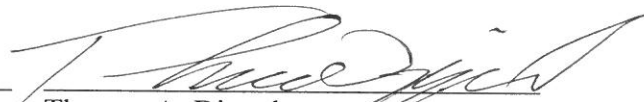
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to table the request until more complete financing information is available. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel will look into the financing and report at the next meeting.

Huntingburg resident, Pam Bolte, addressed the Council and spoke in favor of allowing chickens in the City. She noted her experiences in another City.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.


Steven J. Schwinghammer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer