

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, February 2, 2023

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Souders and Blessinger were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Member Schmiett was absent.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 regular meeting.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel swore in Cameron Giles and Jessica Patberg as volunteer firefighters for the City of Huntingburg.

Assistant Fire Chief Glen Kissling will be retiring after 43 years from the Huntingburg Fire Department effective 2/1/2023. He was presented a plaque. Mayor Schwinghamer bestowed unto Kissling the honorary lifetime title of Chief Emeritus.

Director of Community Development Steckler presented a proposal agreement for services between the City of Huntingburg and LAA Office, LLC for design and inspection services associated with the Huntingburg Alley Activation Project. The project consists of improvements of the alley between 4th Street and Memorial Gym; Phases I (Construction Documentation & RFQ Coordination) & II (Construction Administration). There was discussion of the project.

The LAA Office, LLC contract is for \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to recommend approval of the contract with LAA Office, LLC as presented to the Common Council.

The Mayor noted that the contract between the City and Patoka Township Trustee for fire protection in the amount of \$26,000.00 has already been approved and passed it around for signatures.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of a proposed project in connection with the West 3rd Street project concerning drainage into an existing pipe at the Huntingburg Country Club off of the City's Street. He noted that there was no initial plan to do anything with the pipe as part of the 3rd Street Project. Upon further review Stamm indicated that the old pipe has an issue of

causing sink holes in a fairway on the golf course. Stamm proposed the City Street Department will go in and remove the old pipe, replace it with a bigger pipe due to the City putting more water into that structure. He proposed installation of 120 feet of 18 inch pipe at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00 for the pipe. He does not feel it is right to ask the Country Club to pay for any of the pipe since it is water off of the City Street. Stamm discussed the issue with Member Souders who indicated that he has talked to the Country Club Board about the project and their concerns about added quantity and velocity of runoff. The Country Club is to remove and replace the sod for the project. Stamm would like to get this done so as not to impact the golfing season. Attorney Schneider indicated that the City will need to obtain an easement to install the pipe.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger to go ahead with it.

Stamm presented bids for the Washington Street, Community Crossing Matching Grant project (2022-02). The low bid was \$217,711.00 from C & R Construction. The City's portion will be \$54,427.75. Stamm recommends approval of C & R Construction's bid. The project is Washington Street from 1st Street to 4th Street.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the bid of C & R Construction in the amount of \$217,711.00.

It was noted that the Electric Department will be helping to cut down trees in the right-of-way between Washington Street and the sidewalks. Also sidewalks will be redone where needed.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested permission to replace 160 feet of 8 inch main on Schuler Avenue. Old clay tile will be replaced. There were no objections.

Coomer informed the Board of the soccer leagues request for water service at the soccer fields. He noted his indifference about it wanting to help kids out yet looking out for the Wastewater's needs with a new project coming there. He noted there is no contract with the City for the league to use the field. Part of the area will be needed to stage material for the upcoming plant project. The Mayor indicated that he did not have a problem with it.

Coomer informed the Board that Love Excavating and Kerns Excavating both sent emails allowing their bid prices to be extended for an additional 60 days for the 231 south sewer project. Easements are still needed for the project.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He noted that he is working on grants for air packs.

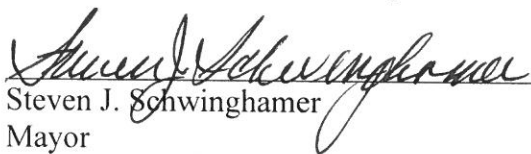
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report and the Code Enforcement report. He noted the scheduled tax sale of the burned out property on Washington Street was postponed. He noted it looks like the mortgage holder will demolish. Attorney Schneider will look into it.

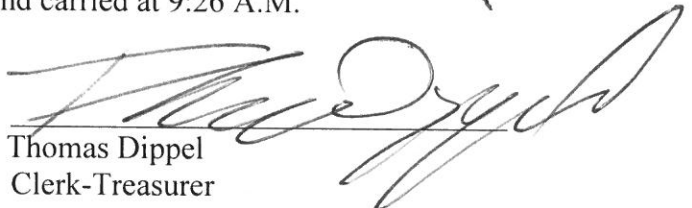
Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. She noted CPR training went well.

Citizen Randy Wahl (currently lives in Texas) addressed the Board with concerns of drainage onto his property from a retention pond in Northview Estates. He noted changes that have occurred since 2015 when he purchased the property that have increased the drainage onto his property directly north of Northview Estates and his attempts to find the cause of the issue and responsible party(s) of the additional water. He noted that subterranean water is now being discharged into the storm water inlets from basements in Northview Estates. He noted prior discussions with the previous City administration.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve having Cash Waggoner and Associates review and make a recommendation to the City about the problem.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:26 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer