

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Souders, Schmett and Blessinger were present. 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 February 2, 2023 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Souders, 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 the Daffodil Stroll for approval. The event is to be held on March 31, 2023 and April 1, 2023. The Merchants' requested the permanent gates be put up for the event and taken down on Sunday morning. The Mayor noted that the permanent gates take 4 people to take down and that overtime will need to be incurred to take them down on Sunday morning.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Schmett to leave the permanent gates up from Friday to Monday morning.

Kenny Speed, representing the Huntingburg Kiwanis, presented a Special Event Application for the Kiwanis Car Show for approval. The event is to be held on April 29, 2023. He noted the need for porta potties but did not know a location.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the use of porta potties with the idea to figure out where to put them.

The Mayor will let them know the location to put the porta potties.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the Special Events Application for the Daffodil Stroll.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the Special Events Application for the Kiwanis Car Show.

Allen Fritz, representing the Dubois County Veterans Council, presented a Special Events Application for the Memorial Day Observance to be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 10:00-11:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Memorial Day Observance.

Street Superintendent Stamm was absent. The monthly Street report was reviewed.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested permission to get quotes for the replacement of 23 feet of a sewer main in the alley north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street behind the old Overtime restaurant (near the alley activation project). He noted that the City will buy the materials.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to permit Wastewater Superintendent Coomer to obtain quotes for the above project.

Coomer noted that he has been working with Commonwealth Engineers to get an easement for the Wastewater Improvements Project at 812 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Victor & Rhonda Bajzah). He noted they have accepted the \$5,000.00 offer for the easement. Attorney Schneider informed the Board that part of the consideration of the easement is that the owners will be inconvenienced for quite a bit of time while their driveway is torn up and they will not have access to their driveway. Coomer will work with them for access to their home; possible access going South on Cherry Street.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve purchasing the above easement for \$5,000.00.

Coomer indicated that he is working with Kent Sparrow to obtain an easement for the 231 Sewer Project. This easement is outside the States easement.

Awarding the construction contract to Love Excavating for the 231 Sewer Project was discussed. Coomer noted that costs of the project will be reimbursed by INDOT. It was noted that Love Excavating was the low bidder on the project (\$135,428.00) opened in November of 2022 and they had granted an extension of their bid.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the bid from Love Excavating and awarding them the contract for the 231 Sewer Project.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted that one Durango is in and the other is expected to be here in 2 weeks. They will need to be upfitted.

Fire Chief Heim was absent. Assistant Fire Chief Patberg presented the monthly report. He noted the Fire Department recently purchased new extrication equipment and would like to transfer the 5 pieces of old extrication equipment to another Fire Department in the county (Birdseye). The old equipment will need to be declared surplus.

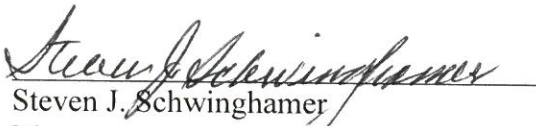
A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to declare the stated equipment to be treated as surplus and authorize the transfer.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report and the Code Enforcement report. Next steps in dealing with the burned out property on Washington Street (410 North Washington Street; owner of record: Joshua J. McBride) were discussed. He noted the property owner could not be located and would like to do a notification by publication. Attorney Schneider indicated this Board would have to determine that a reasonable diligent effort was made to notify the owner personally and were unable to find and address, then notification by publication could be authorized. Schneider noted that the property is subject to a mortgage foreclosure, but he does not know the status of the foreclosure.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to find that a diligent effort has been made to contact the owner of the property at 410 North Washington Street, Huntingburg, IN, in person, and the City has not been able to find an address or location of the owner, and authorizing the Code Enforcement Department to initiate notice by publication.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. She noted that the City Insurance Agent from GAB is looking into updating the values of historical buildings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:07 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer