

## UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, September 26, 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 Kissling, Wehr, Dubon and McPherron (arrived at 5:44 P.M.) were physically present. Member Bounds (arrived at 5:37 P.M.) was present virtually. This meeting was opened to the public, and made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via the City of Huntingburg's website. Also present were City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Mayor Schwinghamer was absent.

Council President Pro Tem Wehr called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting.

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

Council President Pro Tem Wehr noted the September Program and Events Report is presented to the Council for review.

A proposed downtown area for a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) was described and discussed. Attorney Schneider noted that there is still more information needed to apply for a DORA. The boundaries of the DORA were presented (Exhibit A). He requested guidance as to proceed or not with the enlarged area described.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried to authorize Schneider to proceed in writing up an ordinance for DORA for the area described.

Attorney Schneider will create a draft DORA ordinance for the next meeting.

Council President Pro Tem Wehr indicated that due to the lack of participants, Bounds and McPherron, Ordinance No. 2023-20 (Keeping of Poultry in the City Limits) will be tabled again until the next Council meeting. Member Bounds arrived virtually at 5:37 P.M. and McPherron physically arrived at 5:44 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He asked the Board for approval to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 with 31,000 miles from the Fire Department for \$16,000.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Ram from the Fire Department for \$16,000.00. (Roll call needed due to member Bounds attending the meeting late virtually) 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 asked for approval to send Trevor Hunefeld to pole climbing school in October and November 2023. He is then scheduled to begin his electrician apprentice training.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr to approve sending Trevor Hunefeld to pole climbing school. 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. The dam inspection was completed. It was noted that the dam needs rip rap instead of keys. No issues were found with the inspection of the wastewater drying beds.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 o'clock 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.

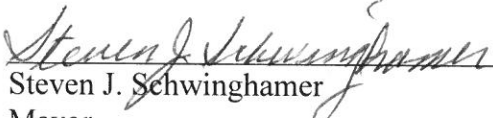
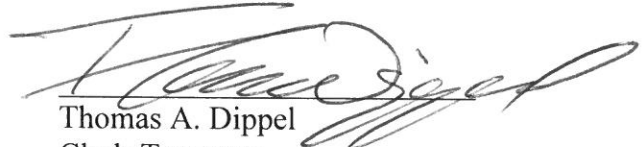
  
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Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A  
Council meeting 9/26/23  
5:30 PM

Northern boundary is designated as the Alley behind the shops that front 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Western Boundary is Geiger Street

Eastern Boundary is Jackson Street from the Alley behind shops on north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the alley behind the shops on the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Southern boundary is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from US 231 to Geiger Street.

