

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Souders, Fitch, 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 October 5, 2023 regular meeting.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel opened bids for the demolition of the burnt out property at 410 N. Washington Street. The quotes were:

Knies Construction, Inc.	\$15,890.00
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Cooper Rail Service, Inc.	\$11,615.00
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A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to award the demolition of 410 N. Washington Street, after November 6, 2023, to Cooper Rail Service, Inc. for the low bid of \$11,615.00.

Justin Reed, Program and Events Manager, conveyed a request from the Leadership Board of the Huntingburg Merchants Association to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 instead of Thursday, November 9, 2023 for the Huntingburg Christmas Stroll, so as not be in a rush to decorate and allow more time for set up of the igloos.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street for the Huntingburg Stroll on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that a new sidewalk is being constructed on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, between Jackson Street and Hwy 231.

Stamm presented Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and J.H. Rudolph for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Project 2023-01 in the amount of \$3,598.90 for overage of asphalt.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Change Order No. 1 noted above.

Stamm requested approval of two change orders to the contract between the City and Kerns Excavating, for the 405 Main Street Parking Lot Project. Change Order No. 1 is for a reduction of \$9,940.20 and Change Order No. 2 is for \$12,989.56 both dealing with quantity changes and substitutions of paving materials.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Change Order No.1 in the amount of (\$9,940.20).

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$12,989.56.

Stamm noted that the Limb Yard started new hours on November 1, 2023; 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. He also informed the Board that leaf pickup will begin November 6, 2023.

Stamm informed the Board of quotes he received for a generator at the Street Department Building. Quotes received were:

Weyer Electric	\$9,457.00
Gasser Electric	\$9,400.00

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the least expensive bid (Gasser Electric; \$9,400.00).

Stamm informed the Board that Cave Quarries is to be here mid-November to do all the annual paving.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report.

Eric Parsley, with Commonwealth Engineers, updated the Board on the Wastewater Treatment upgrades. He noted all permits are in hand and documents are now at funding agencies for approval. He hopes to advertise for bids in mid-December. He noted that a solar field is part of this project but will be bid separately once the plant portion is done. Attorney Schneider suggested the Board go ahead and authorize advertising for construction bids once the City has approval from funding agencies USDA RD and EDA so the project does not have to wait until the next meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett to go ahead and authorize advertisement for construction bids of the wastewater upgrade project once the City has approval from funding agencies; USDA RD and EDA.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. Parks presented the new Indiana Law Enforcement Academy new deadly force policy and noted this policy needs to be adopted for the City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to adopt the new Deadly Force Policy of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed agreement with the Huntingburg Airport Authority for the City to construct a firing range on airport property south of the runways. The City currently charges \$3,500.00 annually for fire and police protection for the airport. The proposal is that the City will annually waive the service fee in exchange for the use of the property at the airport for a firing range. A lease agreement to this effect will be prepared.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the lease exchange.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He requested that two applicants be recommended to the Common Council to be placed on the list of approved firefighters. The two applicants are Sean Cook and Luis Quintanilla.

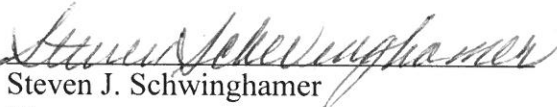
A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to recommend Sean Cook and Luis Quintanilla be placed on the list of approved firefighters for the City of Huntingburg.

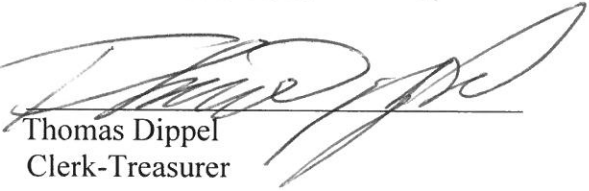
Planning Director Lake was absent. Lake's monthly reports were reviewed.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

Carol Brown and Paula Marshall addressed the Board with concerns of parking for handicapped and enforcement of parking time limits on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Enforcement measures were discussed. The Mayor informed them that he will look into the situation. They were also concerned with continued U-turn violations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:15 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer