

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, September 5, 2024**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. 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. Members Elkins, Fitch, Blessinger, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stevens and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 regular meeting and the August 15, 2024 special meeting.

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

Eric Jochim, representing the Huntingburg Herbstfest, requested the Board approve an amended Herbstfest parade route using 3<sup>rd</sup> Street instead of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The route would start at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Van Buren Street to Geiger Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street ending at the Park.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Elkins and carried to accept the amended Herbstfest parade route.

Kathryn Wilder, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association, presented a Special Events Application for the Pumpkin Stroll to be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street Park.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Events Application for the Pumpkin Stroll noted above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the status of two projects that are part of the Community Crossing Grant. Knies Construction completed their work on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and now begun work on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

Stamm noted that his crews have been working on the Northside Park Project; and Sealmaster will be putting down liquid road on Chestnut Street, Cour De Lane, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Wastewater Crew Chief Merkel presented the monthly wastewater report. He presented quotes for a new mower and requested permission to purchase a Kubota ZD1211 mower from Hopf Outdoor Power for the low quote of \$15,850.00. The quotes were:

Hopf Outdoor Power	\$15,850.00
Tom's Lawn, Garden & Appliance Center	\$15,850.15
All Seasons Lawn Equipment	\$16,959.00
All Seasons Lawn Equipment	\$19,799.00

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the purchase of the Kubota mower for the low quote of \$15,850.00 from Hopf Outdoor Power.

Police Chief Kramer presented the monthly police report. He noted two new appointments by the Mayor, which was approved by the Common Council, as Reserve Police Officers; Adam Bower and Jayme Rasche.

Kramer requested the Board to amend and increase the current fees for photographs and miscellaneous reports, as well as, add a fee for video recordings. He explained the need for the changes.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to recommend the amended fees discussed to the Common Council.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He requested permission to purchase a fire extinguisher trainer to help teach fire prevention and safety in the amount of \$14,532.74 from Dinges Fire Company, pending budget availability at year end. It was noted that this purchase would deviate from our current purchasing policy due to the lack of quotes being able to be received and availability of the trainer needed.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the purchase of the fire extinguisher trainer in the amount of \$14,532.74 from Dinges Fire Company as the sole source provider.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

Safety Director Brown was absent. Her monthly report was reviewed.

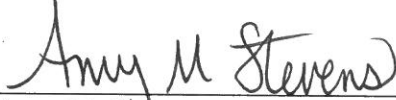
City Attorney Schneider presented a survey plat diagram of property owned by Susan J Partenheimer near Chestnut Street and Highway 231. During the administration of her estate, the property was surveyed and a .082 acre tract island, between property that the City of Huntingburg owns and the center line of Chestnut Street, was still owned by Susan J Partenheimer. Dustin Schmett, executor of the estate, would like to donate that tract to the City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the donation from Susan J Partenheimer for the .082 acre tract near Chestnut Street and Highway 231. (Schmett abstained from voting)

John East, representing Commonwealth Engineers, updated the Board on the process for upcoming pay applications for the wastewater plant and improvements project.

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.

  
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M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor

  
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Amy M. Stevens  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer