

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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, Bolte, McPherron and Bounds, were physically present. Member Wehr was absent. 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 Mayor Elkins, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular meeting.

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

This was the date, time and place advertised for a public hearing on the proposed gas utility rate increases. The Mayor opened the public hearing. He asked for public comment on the issue. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to close the public hearing.

This was the date, time and place advertised for a public hearing on the proposed increased utility connection/reconnection charges for the Water and Electric Utilities. (Gas reconnect fees are in proposed Ordinance 2025-08. The Mayor opened the public hearing. He asked for public comment on the issue. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to close the public hearing.

The Mayor presented two Purchase Orders and a Statement of Work from River Systems to provide and install video and audio system in the City Hall Council Chambers; P.O. COH04112025-1 is for Zoom for Government Base Package for \$320.00 per month, billed annually. And Zoom for Government Translating Captioning for \$50.00 per month, billed annually. The total P.O. is for \$4,440.00. P.O. COH04112025-2 is for a Conference Room Package for \$1,165.00 per month, billed annually. A one-time fee for equipment installation and project management in the amount of \$10,645.00 was also included. The total P.O. is for \$24,625.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve the Statement of Work.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution authorizing the application for the annual Transit grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to accept Resolution No. 2025-10 entitled:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CY2026
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER SECTION 5311/5339 OF THE
FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT, AS AMENDED.**

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted an exposed gas main in the field near CR 800 by Duff will be corrected.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted ongoing tree clearing and pole replacements.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He presented a quote from Toric Engineering for software and engineering services in the amount of \$13,323.00 to upgrade the SCADA computer software. The computer will be using the City's Windows 11 license.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to accept the quote from Toric for software upgrade for the Water SCADA system.

Austin informed the Board that when the recent tornado hit an OFS plant and took the roof off that the water in the west tank went down about 7 feet within 20 minutes. The system recovered without incident.

Austin presented a proposed Task Order No. 2025-01 for the engineering work for the water plant filter leak project in the amount of \$205,680.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the contract with Commonwealth Engineers (Task Order No. 2025-01).

City Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed gas rate ordinance.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-08 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-36 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22 ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES
AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE
MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS UTILITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,
INDIANA**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2025-08 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-08 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:14 P.M.

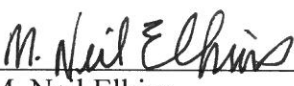
City Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed utilities' reconnect ordinance.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-09 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50.25 OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING UTILITY
RECONNECTION FEES**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2025-09 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-09 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:15 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 o'clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer