

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, August 7, 2025
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, August 7, 2025 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. Members Elkins, Blessinger, Fitch, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 Regular meeting and the July 16, 2025 Special meeting as presented.

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

The Mayor informed the Board of work being done by VS Engineering for the 4th Street Road Adaptation (settling of pavers and parking concerns).

Brandon Durchholz, Design Engineer with VS Engineering, presented planned fixes for 4th Street. There was discussion on the planned fixes and looking at other possible alternatives. The Mayor noted that funding will need to be figured out.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Schmett and carried to authorize VS Engineering for discovery of new options for 4th Street and continue the process.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. Stamm informed the Board of a request by OFS for an east-west mid-block crosswalk between the railroad tracks and 19th Street. Cory Menke, representing OFS, addressed the Board with the request due to multiple expansions in the area and the parking situation near the plants. Menke noted that OFS will pay for the signage. Speed limits in area were discussed in the area of CR 400 which will need to be discussed with the County. Information on the speeds should be gathered for the next Board meeting. The OFS projects are scheduled for next year.

Stamm informed the Board of a request for caution signage informing drivers of an autistic child in the area on 1st Street, west of Hwy 231.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve caution signage, as noted above.

Stamm requested action on placement of no parking signage on Hunter's Crossing Phase IV to be the same as other streets in Hunter's Crossing.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger to approve recommending to the Common Council to follow the existing patterns of no parking in Hunter's Crossing, following the existing ordinances for no parking in that area.

Stamm presented Change Order No. 1 to the Walnut Street contract with J.H. Rudolph in the amount of \$15,333.63. The Water Department will pay for a portion of this because water issues were found that needed to be corrected.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Change Order No. 1 to the J.H. Rudolph contract in the amount of \$15,333.63, as noted above.

Stamm presented Change Order No. 2 to the Clay Street contract with River Town Construction in the amount of \$832.00.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve Change Order No. 2 to the River Town Construction contract in the amount of \$832.00.

Stamm informed the Board that \$6,200.00 credit from the Walnut Street job will be used as a credit for the Arjem Street redo job; bringing the cost of the Arjem Street redo job to \$14,960.00. He indicated that more extensive core sampling will be done on streets in the future so conditions of subgrade can be better understood and accounted for.

Stamm informed the Board that the 7th Street project is on hold until the developer has completed the duplexes. Stamm noted that Kersteins will pay the additional mobilization cost of approximately \$11,000.00 to have Calcar Paving return when the buildings are completed.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. A bid tabulation was presented for the 1st Street Restoration. The low bid was from TripleTex, LLC in the base bid amount of \$401,450.00. Coomer recommended this low bid. It was noted that the alternate bid items will be considered once the funding sources are known.

A motion was made Schmett, seconded by Blessinger to proceed with TripleTex, LLC (for the base bid of \$401,450.00).

Coomer updated the Board on the new plant construction.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report.


Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He noted the ISO Audit is scheduled for October 6, 2025.

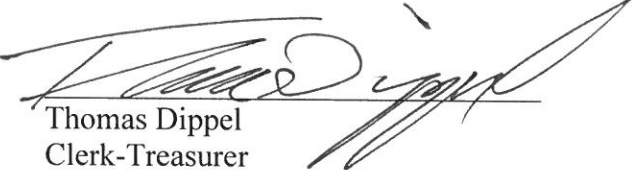
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. Work is being done with a consultant on the City's ADA Title VI plan to be presented in October.

James Hopf addressed the Board with concerns about street construction planning and funding in the City.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried at 10:11 A.M.


M. Neil Elkins
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer