

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Kissling, Bolte, Bounds, Wehr and McPherron were physically present. 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 McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025 regular; August 26, 2025, 9:00 A.M. and August 26, 2025, 1:00 P.M. meetings.

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

The Mayor presented a resolution of the Huntingburg Park and Recreation Board accepting a \$30,000.00 grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners' and endeavor to provide a local match in the amount of \$145,000.00 from budgeted or sponsored funding within the fiscal year 2026 to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court. The Mayor noted that no City funds would be used except for the labor for concrete to save money. He noted this is a Mayors Youth Council project and that they will be working on raising the needed funds through Patronicity (crowdfunding platform). He also noted that the project needs Council approval.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to allow going forward to raise the funds.

The Mayor presented a Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Huntingburg.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance amending the speed limit on CR 400 W in the City to 30 mph to match the County portion. The request for a crosswalk was received from OFS near their plants on CR 400 W. Review of speed limits was done before the need for the crosswalk and the change was recommended by the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bolte and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-18 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE**  
**CHAPTER 74, TRAFFIC SCHEDULE VIII REGARDING SPEED LIMITS**  
**WITHIN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-18 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-18.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2025-18 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-18 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:48 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance changing a zoning district and amending the zoning map in the City. The property lies at the northeast corner of Van Buren and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The rezone would be from R-1 to R-2 and was initiated by the owner, CHRK, LLC. The change was recommended by the Plan Commission.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-19 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING A ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING  
THE ZONING MAP UNDER TITLE 153 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL  
CODE**

A motion was made by Bolte, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-19.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2025-19 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-19 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:50 P.M.

Fire Chief Heim presented an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection between the City of Huntingburg and the City of Jasper for confirmed commercial and residential structure fires. The Common Council is to consider authorizing the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety to enter into this agreement. He noted the agreement will help in turn-out time to structure fires and in-training of both departments.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to authorize the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety to enter into the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection with the City of Jasper as presented.

Chief Heim asked the Council to consider approving an additional appropriation from the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund for the purchase of 2 LUCAS Chest Compression systems and accessories. A quote was presented in the amount of \$54,577.14 for the two systems. He noted the Huntingburg Fire Department, Inc. has raised \$10,000.00 so far for this purchase. The City of Huntingburg would then pay the remaining balance. The additional appropriation would be for the City's portion. The Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund has special restrictive requirements for use. Attached as Exhibit A is Chief Heim's explanation for the use of the fund as it relates to opioid related interventions. It was noted that this is a single source item to be purchased only from the manufacturer.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to move forward with the additional appropriation process for use of funds from the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund to purchase the LUCAS Chest Compression System and accessories as noted above.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution authorizing an interlocal cooperation agreement and comprehensive study agreement for the study of the relinquishment of U.S. Highway 231 related to the proposed Mid-States Corridor. The proposed Mid-States Corridor will serve as a north-south connection with I-69 and will, upon completion, replace U.S. 231 as the principal state and federal route through the region. The proposed agreement is between the City of Huntingburg and the City of Jasper. The resolution will also authorize the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety to negotiate with consultant, AveNew Funding for the study. Funding was discussed to be from the Street, Mayor, and Community Development Departments, and possibly additional appropriation from other Funds if needed.

A motion was made by Bolte, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2025-20 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AGREEMENT FOR THE STUDY OF THE RELINQUISHMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 231**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2025-20 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2025-20 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:20 P.M.

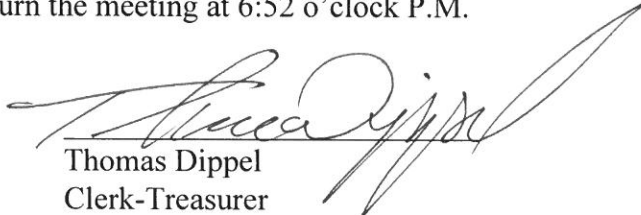
A motion was made by Bolte, seconded by Wehr and carried to move forward with the agreement with AveNew.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Council of the posting onto Community of budgeted Miscellaneous Revenues-Form 2, and budgeted Tax Rates and Levy-Form 3 for review.

State Senator Daryl Schmitt presented a 2025 Tax and Fiscal Policy Majority Resource Handbook and other information.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 o'clock P.M.

  
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M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor

  
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Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer



# HUNTINGBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, ACCOUNTABILITY.

EXHIBIT A

common council meeting  
9/9/25  
5:30pm

09/02/2025

City of Huntingburg  
508 E 4th Street  
Huntingburg, IN 47542

## Re: Request to Use Opioid Settlement Funds for LUCAS Device Purchases

Dear Mayor Elkins and Members of the Council,

The Huntingburg Fire Department is grateful for the opportunity to access resources from the national opioid settlement. These funds — whether restricted or unrestricted — are intended to address, mitigate, and respond to the impacts of the opioid epidemic in our communities.

Few investments align more directly with these requirements than the purchase of LUCAS mechanical CPR devices. Opioid overdoses frequently lead to respiratory failure and cardiac arrest, situations where consistent and effective CPR is the single most important factor in survival. The LUCAS device provides that lifesaving intervention, without fatigue or interruption, giving victims of opioid overdose the best possible chance at recovery.

At present, the Huntingburg Fire Department operates three medical response trucks but has only one LUCAS device. This creates a serious gap: two-thirds of our medical fleet are not equipped with the same lifesaving capability. If a truck without a LUCAS is first on scene to an opioid-related cardiac arrest, the patient's outcome is immediately compromised.

The opioid settlement guidance calls for funds to be spent on interventions that:

- Support first responders in treating opioid-related emergencies.
- Expand access to lifesaving equipment and practices.
- Reduce mortality related to opioid misuse.

Purchasing additional LUCAS devices directly fulfills all of these purposes. It ensures that every medical truck is equipped to respond to overdose-related cardiac arrests with the most advanced tool available.

Attached is a quote for two LUCAS devices so you can see the cost. These devices must be purchased directly from the manufacturer, and no other quotes are available. This makes timely approval of funding essential to secure the devices and complete the order.

Thanks to strong community support, we have already raised \$10,000 toward this goal. However, to fully protect our residents, we respectfully request the use of opioid settlement funds to secure a second and third LUCAS device, bringing our fleet to full coverage. With this investment, every patient — no matter which truck arrives first — will receive the same lifesaving care.

This is more than an equipment request. It is a direct, eligible, and responsible use of opioid settlement funding that will have an immediate, measurable impact on the survival of individuals in our community affected by the opioid crisis.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to using these settlement funds in a way that saves lives here in Huntingburg. I would be glad to provide additional details, cost breakdowns, or demonstrations of the LUCAS device at your request.

Respectfully,

Don Heim  
Fire Chief  
Huntingburg Fire Department

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