

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, October 14, 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, Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and Attorney Taylor O'Bryan (for City Attorney Schneider).

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2025 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor presented a proclamation proclaiming October 1 through October 31 2025 as ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH and asks the citizens of the City of Huntingburg to recognize and thank all women educators for their dedication to our youth and their commitment to lifelong learning.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours were discussed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve October 31, 2025, from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. for Trick-or-Treat.

The Mayor opened a public hearing on the sale of real estate. The real estate is lot numbers 45 and 46 Charles Niehaus First Addition to the City of Huntingburg, Indiana, west of Arby's. He summarized the proposed sale noting the area is in the Main Street Economic Development Area. The purchase price would be \$174,095.00. The Mayor asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

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

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2025-26 entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2025-26 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2025-26 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:40 P.M.

The Mayor presented a draft version of Chapter 155: Abandoned and Vacant Buildings section of the Huntingburg Municipal Code for review for later discussion.

This was the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing on the 2026 City budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing for the 2026 City Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a summary of the budget with proposed Indiana Gateway submissions. He noted the proposed City budget total is \$13,532,337.00 for 2026. He noted the estimated tax rate to be \$.9680 per \$100.00 of Access Value for 2026 compared to \$.9463 per \$100.00 of Access Value for 2025.

The Mayor asked for public comments. No public comments were received.

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

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bolte and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-27 entitled:

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES
(for 2026)

Dippel noted the budget adoption meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025.

Dippel presented a proposed ordinance for an additional appropriation for the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund in the amount of \$45,000.00 to be used for the purchase of 2 LUCAS Devices and accessories to be used for mitigation of opioid misuse.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-28 entitled:

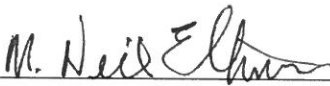
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE 2025 BUDGET YEAR
(\$45,000.00 Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund)

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to set the public hearing for this additional appropriation for October 28, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

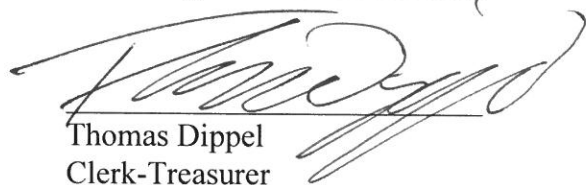
Janet Schnell updated the Council on her observations of code enforcement and hoarding in the City.

The Mayor reminded the Council of Officer Tim Mullen's retirement celebration on October 24, 2025, at the Police Station from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Bolte, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 o'clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer