

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Wehr, Bolte, Bounds and McPherron were physically present. Member Kissling 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 Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Council that Energy Superintendent Reutepohler's reports would need to be tabled until next month due to illness.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that work continues on fire protection at OFS Plant 18. Crews have also been working on winter maintenance at the water plant.

Attorney Schneider informed the Board of a request by CHA Consulting, Inc., who merged with Midwestern Engineers, Inc., to approve the assignment of all active contracts and task orders between the City of Huntingburg and Midwestern Engineers, Inc. to CHA Consulting, Inc.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve the assignment of all active contracts and task orders between the City of Huntingburg and Midwestern Engineers, Inc. to CHA Consulting, Inc.

Schneider informed the Council of property that the City may be interested in acquiring that did not sell at tax sale. The property is at 410 N. Washington Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. The City has gone through the forced demolition process as an unsafe building and has approximately \$12,000.00 of costs in the property. He noted that the County can assign ownership of these types of properties. He indicated the City would have to negotiate with the County on the acquisition.

A motion was made Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to authorize proceeding with negotiations with the County for the acquisition of the property noted above.

Janet Schnell updated the Council on hoarding issues in the City.

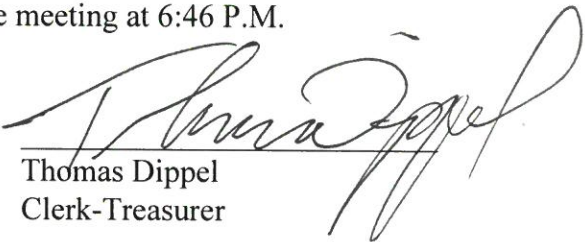
Several citizens addressed the Council with concerns of the proposed Crossvine Battery Energy Storage System and Solar Project being considered south of Huntingburg, almost to Holland. They asked the Council to consider placing a pause (a moratorium) on the proposed project. A thorough discussion followed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve a moratorium on the consideration of any new, revised or re-submitted development plans for commercial solar energy system projects until the Plan Commission and the Common Council has an opportunity to review, revise and update development standards for such projects.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Bolte, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M.



M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor



Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer