

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, December 4, 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 accessed via the City of Huntingburg's website. Members Fitch, Blessinger, Souders and Schmett were present. Member Elkins was absent. Also, present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

In the absence of Mayor Elkins, a motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to have Dustin Schmett Chair this meeting.

Member Schmett called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025 regular meeting and the November 19, 2025 special meeting as presented.

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

Street Superintendent Stamm presented the summary of 2026 material bids received (Exhibit A).

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the bid from Cave Quarries for Item A, Crushed Stone, as recommended by Stamm.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the bid from J.H. Rudolph for Item B, Hot Mix Asphalt, as recommended by Stamm.

It was noted that E&B Paving submitted a bid for Hot Mix, but was not selected because the company is in Corydon, Indiana, and by the time the hot mix traveled that far the mix could compromise its application.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the bid from Calcar Paving for Item C, Bituminous Material and Milling Services, as recommended by Stamm.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the bid from Synenergy for Item D, Fuel, as recommended by Stamm.

Stamm presented his monthly report. He reported on jobs completed. He presented Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Jamniczky Contracting for the 10<sup>th</sup>

and Geiger Street contract due to bad subgrade. The change order was in the amount of \$16,536.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Change Order No. 1 with Jamniczky Contracting noted above.

Stamm presented Change Order No. 3 to the contract with River Town Construction, LLC in the deduct amount of \$5,184.70 for the Clay and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to accept Change Order No. 3 to the River Town Construction Contract noted above.

Stamm informed the Board of his approval for Cooper Contracting to clean the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue ditch at a cost of \$130.00 per hour, that includes one man and a machine for as long as the City needs.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger to approve Cooper Contracting for one man and machine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue ditch cleaning as needed noted above.

Stamm requested permission to bid Short 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Fox Trot Ct. for the Community Crossing Grant project recently awarded.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to authorize Stamm to bid the Community Crossing Grant project.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the new plant upgrade project.

He presented a quote for furniture for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the chemical building from OFS in the amount of \$23,385.00. And a quote from Emerge IT for CISCO networking equipment for the plant in the amount of \$11,046.44.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the furniture quote from OFS.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the quote from Emerge IT.

Coomer requested seeking quotes for a 6 to 8 ft wall, and roof to cover a sludge holding area north of the centrifuge building.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve seeking quotes.

Coomer requested seeking quotes for a ½ Ton Crew Cab to add to their fleet.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve seeking quotes.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the procurement of the body worn and in car camera systems. He presented a quote from Utility Associates Inc. in the amount of \$208,240.00 for a 5-year agreement. He noted that the funding is proposed to come from the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission (RDC) for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 years and the Police budget for years 4 and 5. He requested permission to sign a contract contingent upon RDC funding.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to move forward with this.

Kramer presented quotes for a new 2026 Dodge Durango. The low quote was from Sternberg in the amount of \$40,465.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the quote from Sternberg.

Kramer requested permission to have City Attorney Schneider draw up an off-duty K-9 agreement for Officer Shinn to care for K-9 Kaos.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve City Attorney Schneider draw up an off-duty K-9 agreement for Officer Shinn to care for K-9 Kaos.

Member Souders left the meeting for another scheduled event.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the failing transmission of Truck 731. There was discussion on repair or replace with a new transmission. He requested permission to get quotes on a new transmission.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to authorize Heim to obtain quotes, and proceed with the lowest quote for a new transmission for Truck 731.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports. The property at 422 North Jackson Street, Huntingburg was discussed. He noted that he will need to establish a committee for the bid opening on December 17th.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve establishing a bid committee consisting of Mayor Elkins, Clerk-Treasurer Dippel, and Planning Director Lake.


Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

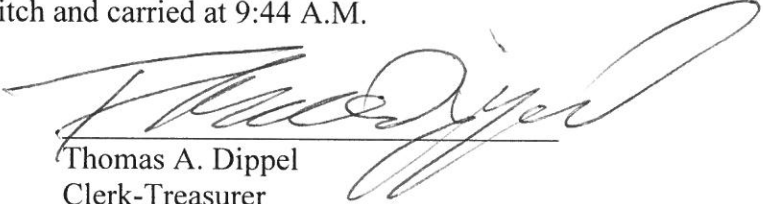
Member Blessinger requested an update on the status of the Huntingburg Street Department Roof Replacement project. Stamm indicated that nothing has changed due to lack of direction on the type of specs needed for bidding. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to create specs with a base bid for a full replacement with an R-Panel (what is currently installed), with the option to supply an alternate of a standing seam or TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) roofing.

Alvin Bryson addressed the Board with concerns about his lawn mower's motor being ruined by a fire, due to foam being sprayed in the motor by a Fireman. Member Schmett noted he would look into the incident and will get back with him.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:44 A.M.

  
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M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer

