

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in special session on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blessinger, Kissling, Bounds and McPherron were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Member Wehr was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

Mayor Spinner recognized with a moment of silence, Jim Leiberling, a firefighter for the City of Huntingburg for 38 years, who died last week.

The Mayor presented for consideration the 2019 employee salary ordinance. Ordinance No. 2018-30 was introduced at the last meeting. He noted that in addition to the employee salary ordinance, the ordinance fixing elected officers' salaries for 2019 needs be considered.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-30 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2019

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2018-30 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2018-30 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:32 P.M.

Salaries for elected officers of the City of Huntingburg were discussed. The Council indicated their desire to increase the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurers salaries by 2.5% and not change the Council's salaries for 2019.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2018-32 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2019

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-32 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-32.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2018-32 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2018-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:35 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that the adoption of the ordinance accepting 1,687 feet of Stellar Way, west, from its intersection with Chestnut Street, into the City of Huntingburg's road inventory, needs to be considered. Ordinance No. 2018-29 was previously introduced. It was noted that the developer is responsible for all future road development in Hunter's Crossing.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-29 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING INTO THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG ROAD INVENTORY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PUBLIC STREETS HERETOFORE IMPROVED AND CONSTRUCTED

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2018-29 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2018-29 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:38 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that by statute the mayor is responsible for naming streets in the City. The Mayor indicated that he asked members of the Mayor's Youth Council what they would name a street if given the opportunity to do so. He introduced Paige Kendall, President of the Mayor's Youth Council, to inform the Common Council on their discussion and proposal for the name of the new railroad overpass. Kendall addressed the Council stating that the Youth Council's name recommendation is "Progress Parkway".

The Mayor indicated that he will execute Executive Order No. 2018-01 naming the railroad overpass from its intersection with Chestnut Street and 14th Street to its intersection with Styline Drive, "Progress Parkway" effective October 30, 2018. Executive Order No. 2018-01 is entitled:

**NAMING OF A NEW STREET IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,
"PROGRESS PARKWAY"**

The Mayor informed the Council that the Mayor's Youth Council applied for and received a grant from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority as part of the My Community My Vision program. He noted that as part of the program the Youth Council will be involved in part of the planning process and receive \$5,000.00 toward the project of their liking to enhance our community. Paige Kendall updated the Council on the Youth Council's desire to create a completely handicapped accessible park on the north side of the City on a lot in the back side of Hunter's Crossing incorporating parking, a basketball court and a pickle ball court. She informed the Council of plans to seek another \$5,000.00 grant through the Dubois County Community Foundation. She noted that currently they are working with an IUPUI graduate student who is helping them develop a plan, get community feedback, get the word out and help with fundraising. The Mayor noted that the Youth Council will report back to the Council in February.

The Mayor continued the discussion from the previous meeting on the City participating in the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant program through the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA). The Mayor indicated that based on deadlines and discussion with Council members, if the City is to participate it needs to begin the process.

Jenny Dearwester, Housing Program Manager, Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC), indicated that if the City were to move forward she is looking at taking applications from homeowners on November 15, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and on November 20, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. There was discussion of the program, process and the possibility of local contribution to increase the decision point totals. Dearwester indicated that the local contribution, if any, will need to be included in the Notice of Public Hearing which will need to be published in the Huntingburg Press on November 15, 2018 for the November 27, 2018 Council meeting. She noted that SIDC would prepare the legal notice and put into the paper. A proposed agreement between the City and Southern Indiana Development Commission for grant administration services was presented.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to enter into a contract with Southern Indiana Development Commission to administrate the application for participation in the owner occupied repair program not to exceed \$5,000.00.

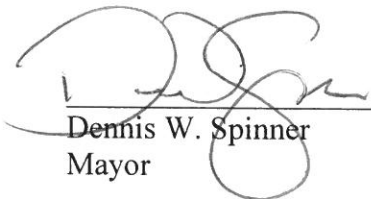
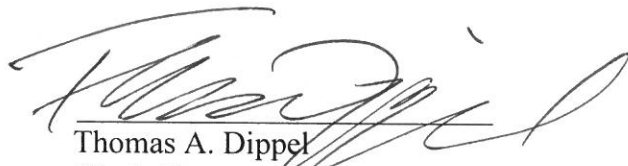
Attorney Schneider updated the Board on the need to amend the Natural Gas Management Agreement with Utility Gas Management regarding the purchase of natural gas from PEFA, Inc. The natural gas purchase program regarding the municipal bond program through PEFA, Inc. was discussed at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the amendment to natural gas management agreement between the City of Huntingburg and Utility Gas Management regarding the purchase of natural gas from PEFA, Inc.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented a quote for the purchase and installation of 97 batteries for the Central Substation in the amount of \$31,358.00. Reutepohler indicated the batteries did not check out well in the maintenance review of the Central Substation and were near the 20 year life. Consultant, NPM suggested replacing all 97 batteries. Reutepohler will check to see if there is a warranty on the batteries.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the purchase of 97 batteries and installation from Resa Service, LLC in the amount of \$31,358.00.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor
Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer