

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at the regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 McPherron, Kissling and Blessinger were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Members Wehr and Bounds were absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting with the Utility Rate Advisory Board.

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

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place advertised for a public hearing, and opened the public hearing on the vacating of Market Street. Attorney Schneider gave the history of the current Market Street status. He indicated that what is currently considered the south side of Market Street is the only platted street; the north side is not platted as a street. Schneider indicated that the Parks Department and the Board of Public Works and Safety have determined that it would be beneficial to vacate Market Street. Schneider noted that if vacated, the property would remain a public drive with access to the park. The Mayor asked for comments from the public on the issue. 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 Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-09 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING MARKET STREET AS PLATTED IN THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

The Mayor indicated that a public hearing was scheduled for this time for a tax abatement request. Additionally, a confirmatory resolution will be considered for the Wagon Works project. He indicated that Paragus Development LLC made that proposal at a previous meeting. He opened the public hearing and noted this is the public hearing where public comment can be heard.

David McGimpsy, of Bingham Greenebaum and Doll, LLP representing Paragus Development, LLC and OFS Brands Holdings, Inc., indicated that notice requirements have been met and presented to Clerk-Treasurer Dippel proofs of publication in the Huntingburg Press and the Dubois County Herald, a file stamped copy of the declaratory resolution filed with the Dubois County Assessor, and acknowledgments of receipts of notices that were required from all the taxing entities in Dubois County. He noted his availability to answer questions on the issue.

The Mayor noted that this is the time for public comment. He asked for public comment concerning the resolution to designate an economic revitalization area and provide tax abatement for the project as described. No comments were received.

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

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 entitled:

**CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA**

The Mayor presented a proposed economic development grant for Huntingburg Partners, LLC in connection with the former St. Joseph's Hospital property. Huntingburg Partners, LLC has acquired the old hospital property with the intention of renovating, rehabilitating, and redeveloping the property into a health services facility and creating jobs. The grant would be for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; \$25,000.00 to be paid out when proof of payment of at least \$500,000.00 has been presented to the City and the other \$25,000.00 to be paid out upon completion of 75% of the Project Plans certified by the project engineer.

The Mayor noted that the grant would be paid out of the EDIT fund and is part of the EDIT Plan.

Randy Holland, representing Huntingburg Partners, LLC, summarized the project and indicated that \$5.5 million has already been spent on the project, and the total project cost will be close to \$10 million, and create approximately 25 jobs. He indicated the project is a 16 bed geriatric/psychiatric facility. He indicated that the facility is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2019 and he hopes to put patients in beds the last week in April.

Mr. Holland has provided documentation of construction disbursements which have gone into the project to this point. The Mayor noted that this will satisfy the terms of the grant agreement.

Attorney Schneider noted that in order to authorize the grant it would take the adoption of an ordinance. He noted the intent was to pass the ordinance tonight, but without 2/3 of the Council present it will need to be held over to a future meeting.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No 2019-11 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO HUNTINGBURG PARTNERS, LLC**

Eric Parsley, of Commonwealth Engineers, updated the Council on the stormwater utility report. He presented a presentation on the Study. Problem areas, needs and funding sources were discussed. He noted the finished report is on file with the City if anyone wants to look at it.

The Mayor proposed that a meeting for a public presentation of the report be conducted on March 18, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He informed the Board that the 3 remaining old service lines from the old Cass Patoka lines, taken over by the City years ago, need to be replaced before July 2019 since it was discovered that the original installation was made with water fittings and no records exist on those lines.

He informed the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding needs to be completed to allow the City of Jasper to take over 6 customers in Jasper along Highway 56 at Kluemper Road that would not be economically feasible for the City of Huntingburg to run the required new lines to those customers. The City of Huntingburg will furnish the materials and labor for Jasper to hook up those six customers to Jasper's system.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntingburg Municipal

Gas Utility and the City of Jasper Municipal Gas Utility for the assignment of natural gas service for six customers along State Road 56.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted crews have been setting utility poles near the airport. He informed the Board that he would like to revive the project of installing a new electric Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system that was postponed due to other projects taking precedence since 2016. He estimated the cost to be \$100,000.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Reutepohler seeking quotes for a new electric SCADA system.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented the monthly Water Utility report. He noted that an electronic meter will be installed at the Phase I Patoka connection because of the availability of fiber at the pit. He noted that Toric estimated the installation of the water SCADA system to be in April 2019.

Meyerholtz informed the Board that about 460 of the initial meters were programmed for 1 way communication and are now being switched to 2 way communication. He noted glitches with interference at the west tank information collection system used with the SENSUS system. A SENSUS engineer is scheduled to address the issue. It was noted data is still being collected, but some transmission is missed.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed ordinance that would correct scrivener's errors in the water rate ordinance passed at the last meeting. He noted a rate block being incorrect, and the language did not apply to one of the rural customers, and the omission of the tracker for wholesale rates.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-12 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND
CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL
WATERWORKS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

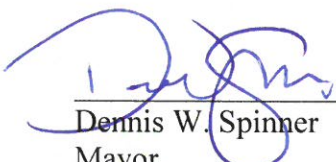
Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution that would allow the transfer of surplus fund from the Cash Reserve Funds of the Electric, Water and Natural Gas Utilities to the General Fund of the City. The transfers were approved in the 2019 budget. The transfers are:

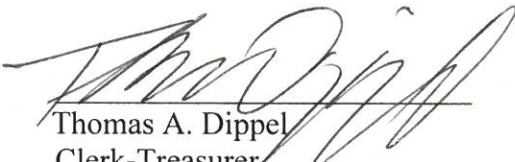
Electric Utility Cash Reserve Fund-	\$225,000.00
Water Utility Cash Reserve Fund-	\$ 50,000.00
Natural Gas Utility Cash Reserve Fund-	\$225,000.00

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-13 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS EARNINGS
OF THE ELECTRIC, WATER AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES TO THE
GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer