

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 28, 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, May 28, 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 Blessinger, Kissling, McPherron and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Member Bounds was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting.

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

The Mayor noted that last month the Council had a discussion and question on the limb yard at the former Street Department site. Street Superintendent Stamm was asked to get some quotes on options. The Mayor asked the Council about recommending to the Board of Public Works and Safety that the recycling service no longer be offered by the City effective July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to suspend the recycling operation at the 1st Street yard as of July 1, 2019.

The Mayor noted that questions remain on what to do with the 1st Street site in regards to limbs.

Some option costs were discussed. Street Superintendent Stamm indicated that quotes for a 6 foot chain length fence with a 40 foot gate were received with the low quote being \$17,705.00 from Tri-State Fence. Security quotes from Astro Security for 3 bullet cameras and gate access totaled approximately \$7,500.00. Stamm estimated the cost to have limbs collected by the Street Department curbside to be \$25,317.00 annually. There was discussion on using concrete barriers to limit access to the limb yard rather than using all chain link fence. The establishment of rules by ordinance for illegal dumping was also discussed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to continue the limb service at the Street Department lot on 1st Street with limited access controlled by a gate and security cameras installed, and develop an ordinance to set fines for violations of the use.

Demolition quotes for some of the old Street Department buildings were received and will be forwarded to the Board of Public Works and Safety.

The Mayor informed the Board that there will be an open house from 2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. on June 7, 2019 at the new Street Department building.

The Mayor presented a proposed service agreement between the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission and Crowe LLP for TIF reporting. The agreement is for preparation of the annual TIF neutralization forms and assistance with the new annual TIF reporting requirement required by Section 32 of the Indiana Code 36-7-25-8(a). The agreement is not to exceed \$7,500.00. Attorney Schneider indicated that the cost of this agreement is an allowable use of revenues generated from the TIF allocation areas.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to enter into an agreement with Crowe LLP for services to provide TIF neutralization and TIF reporting requirements.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted that the Gas Discount paperwork is all done and the City should be receiving a discount in August.

Reutepohler presented the Electric Utility monthly report. He requested permission for Alex Hopf and Derek Roth to attend electric training in Lebanon, Indiana in June.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve Alex Hopf and Derek Roth to attend school for their electric training.

Reutepohler presented quotes for 55 utility poles. The low quote was from Thomasson Company in the amount of \$20,130.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the quote of \$20,130.00 from Thomasson Company for 55 utility poles.

Reutepohler informed the Board that the roof of the Utility Control Center is leaking and requested permission to seek quotes for a new roof.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to allow Superintendent Reutepohler to seek quotes for replacing the roof of the Utility Control Center.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented the monthly Water Utility report. He introduced John Wetzel, of Midwestern Engineers, who updated the Board on the water plant upgrade. The solar panel portion of the project was discussed and electric load limit was a concern. There was concern of incurring design costs of the solar panels if the solar panels cannot be implemented due to load limits. The solar generation limits will be reviewed.

Meyerholtz requested permission to dispose of the components of the old telemetry system because they are no longer needed. The value was estimated to be less than \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blessinger and carried to dispose the units (of the telemetry system) that are no longer needed for plant operation.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed ordinance to move appropriation monies from one major budget classification to another for the budget year 2019.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-24 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM ONE MAJOR
BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-24 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-24.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-24 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bounds), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-24 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:43 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed ordinance enacting and adopting the supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntingburg identified as

"2019 S-16". This updates the municipal code to include ordinances through Ordinance No. 2019-22.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-25 entitled:

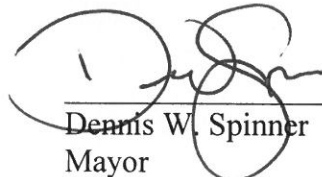
**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT TO THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

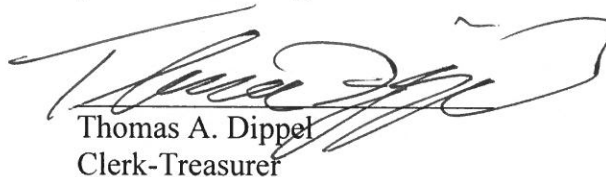
A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Blessinger and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-25 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-25.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-25 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bounds), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-25 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:44 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer