

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Monday, June 24, 2019

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at the scheduled meeting time on Monday, June 24, 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, Bounds and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Member McPherron was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting.

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

Carla Striegel-Winner, Director of Dubois County Solid Waste Management District, updated the Council on the current County disposal sites and recycling efforts and what sites will be available with the upcoming closing of the Huntingburg Street Department recycle center.

The Mayor presented a draft ordinance to begin a conversation on the limb yard operation and fines associated with ordinance violations. He noted the funding for the barriers, gate access and surveillance cameras will come from the EDIT fund. Attorney Schneider noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety will determine the rules associated with the operation of the limb yard. There was discussion on additional language and possible fines for violations. Attorney Schneider will draft another version of the proposed ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He informed the Board of leaks in the gas main along Highway 56 near Merkley's Meats, near Ireland, IN. He noted that 1,700 feet of main has been replaced. He reminded the Board that the gas discount program is planned to start in August.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted that storm water inlets were installed at the Utility Control Center lot where flooding has occurred recently. Temporary lighting in the alleys off of the downtown area was discussed. Reutepohler is to get costs of rope and flood lighting for these areas for Council review.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that Josh Stenftenagel resigned and that Jerry Austin will move to the Meter Tech position.

The Mayor presented a proposed Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the City and Midwestern Engineers for work on adding solar panels to the water plant update project. The amendment is in the amount of \$87,000.00.

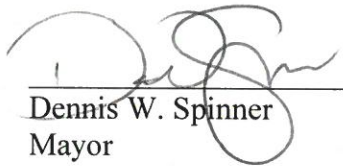
A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2 as noted above.

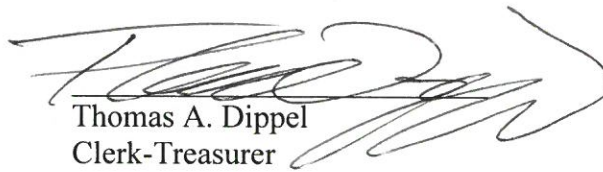
City Attorney Schneider presented a proposed resolution to approve the real estate exchange between OFS and the City of Huntingburg. Schneider indicated that OFS is in need of property that the City owns for expansion of their facilities adjacent to 9th Street, south of their current operations. The exchange would be for a similar size strip of land south of that next to the current water retention area. He noted the real estate value is less than \$6,000.00 so an abbreviated process to exchange real estate can be used. The process was discussed with Bill Kaiser who was present, of Bingham Greenebaum Doll, representing OFS. At a previous meeting, OFS indicated that they would like to create a new TIF district.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-26 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFER FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
REAL ESTATE**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer