

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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, Bounds and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that this is the date, time and place advertised for a public hearing on the vacation of an east west connecting alley between two north south alleys between 2nd and 3rd Streets and between Chestnut and Walnut Streets. All contiguous property owners have signed the petition. It was noted the alley is a plated alley that was never developed and will likely never be developed. The Mayor asked for public comments. Don Guinn, of 209 N. Chestnut Street, one of the petitioners, noted he has lived at his current residence for 35 years and the alley has not been in use during that time. He noted 20 years ago he petitioned to vacate the alley, but it was voted down. He noted, now with new neighbors, they have all come together to try to keep things as tranquil as they can. No other comments were received.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-29 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEY SITUATED IN OUT LOT NO. 11
IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-29 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-29.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-29 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-29 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:37 P.M.

Heidi Reller, Executive Director of the Huntingburg Housing Authority, was present to update the Council on Housing Authority activities and audits. She requested the Council waive the Payment in Lieu of Taxes again this year to help fund capital projects.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to waive the Payment in Lieu of Tax payment to the City of Huntingburg for 2019 in the amount of \$10,520.00.

The Mayor presented a proposed renewal Fiber Network Services Agreement between the City and PSC. The price did not change, but service was enhanced. The agreement is for 36 months. Wayne Blake and Dave Buse, representatives of PSC, were present to answer questions.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to allow the City to enter into a contract with PSC for fiber network services for the year.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance to create two new positions within the Police Department; Corporal and Detective of Narcotics. It was noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety recommends the change.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-30 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 37 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-30 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-30.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-30 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-30 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:55 P.M.

The Mayor noted that with the change in the Police Department it was recommended by Chief Parks that the wage scale be changed to make it appropriate for the reorganization.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-31 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 FIXING
SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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. 2019-31 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-31.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-31 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-31 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:59 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance prohibiting certain maintenance of vehicles on City streets and right-of-ways. The fine would be \$25.00 for the 1st offense and \$50.00 for each additional offense within the same year.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-32 entitled:

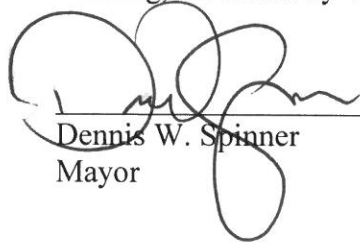
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE**

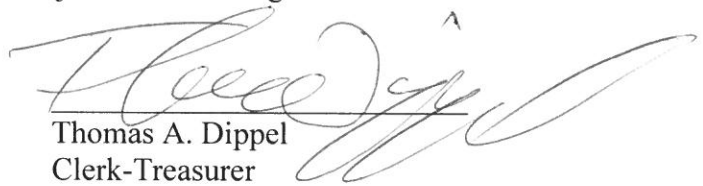
A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-32 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-32.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-32 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:06 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 6:09 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer