

## UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 22, 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, October 22, 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, Bounds, Kissling, McPherron, and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stevens.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.

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

Councilman Bounds and Councilman Wehr introduced Amy Maxey to discuss ideas on forming Neighborhood Associations. These associations promote neighbors to meet, implement plans, address concerns, and create projects that can better their neighborhood environment. An informative meeting will be held on November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., with a location to be determined at a later date.

Mayor Spinner presented a comparative breakdown for the 2020 proposed salary increase, comparing a 2%, 2.5%, and 3% increase. The Council recommended a 2.5% increase across the range, excluding any stipend fixed amount set previously. It was suggested that the 2.5% be split by a 1.5% increase, plus up to a 1% increase based on a job performance review. Attorney Schneider will prepare a proposed ordinance to reflect the recommended 2.5% increase for an upcoming Council meeting.

The Mayor presented Change Order #2 for the Overpass Project from Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for a deduction in the amount of \$9,448.73. The change was due to the subgrade treatment along Styline Drive switching from a lime dust treatment to a cement treatment.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to accept the Change Order #2 for a deduction in the amount of \$9,448.73.

Mayor Spinner updated the Council on the receipt of a Community Crossing Grant from INDOT. He noted the City will receive up to \$134,899.50 for reconstruction towards two projects. The first priority will be towards improvements on Chestnut Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street, including the 19<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, but excluding the 14<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. The second priority will be improvements on Leland Drive from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street. INDOT will pay 75% of the approved projects and the City will pay 25%.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the crew extended a gas main 800' for a subdivision between Ireland and Jasper. Reutepohler informed the Council they completed their 4 year survey audit with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted the crew has been trimming trees around lines before winter and replacing electric poles along County Road 200 West.

Reutepohler informed the Council that the Airport Expansion will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>, and noted a change in his original plans on relocating the electric lines along County Road 200 West. He proposed to reconductor the lines to help reduce future issues with expansions and longer outages in that area. The proposal will switch the existing line with an amp capacity of 335, to two lines with an amp capacity of 245 each. Reutepohler requested approval to purchase Kerite wire at the cost up to \$25,116.00. The

amount of wire needed will be better determined once the 6" conduit is laid in the ground.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the purchase of Kerite wire up to \$25,116.00 to reconnector the lines along County Road 200 West.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented the monthly Water Utility report. He informed the Council that the advertisement for bids towards the City's water upgrade projects from the State Revolving Loan Fund Program was published. A pre-construction meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, with bids due on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Meyerholtz invited the Council to meet with Buzz Krohn of O.W. Krohn & Associates, the City's rate consultant, on November 12<sup>th</sup> on the Rate Study for the funding of the projects.

Mayor Spinner noted with a proposed rate change, the Utility Rate Advisory Board would need to make a recommendation to the Council. He proposed a joint meeting with the Council and Utility Rate Advisory Board on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Blessinger and carried to set a joint meeting with the Utility Rate Advisory Board on November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Spinner requested to set a public hearing on the proposed water rate change on November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Bounds and carried to set the public hearing on the proposed water rate increase for November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Attorney Schneider began a discussion considering a resolution regarding approval of a new allocation area within the Northwest Industrial Economic Development Area to be known as West Styline Area. Schneider noted the Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission recently adopted a confirmatory resolution amending the plan to include the OFS Expansion Project on Styline Drive and authorized a creation of a new allocation area within the Northwest Industrial Economic Development Area for the focus of the tax increment financing of the project. Schneider introduced Bill Kaiser, representing OFS Brands, to provide additional information to the Council on the OFS Expansion Project.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-40 entitled:

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUNTINGBURG COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING  
APPROVAL OF NEW ALLOCATION AREA CREATED WITHIN THE  
NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA**

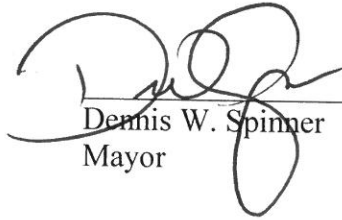
Schneider explained the need for a proposed ordinance to authorize the issuance of financing for the OFS Expansion Project. The ordinance will make the determination that the project will benefit the health and welfare of the City residents by creating jobs and expanding industry; also approves the financing documents that includes a financing covenant agreement between OFS Brands Holding and the City of Huntingburg. The City covenants to issue up to \$15,000,000.00 in economic development bonds; OFS covenants to use the proceeds of the bonds to pay the cost of this project and the cost of the issuance of the bonds.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-41 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA  
TO ISSUE ITS "TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS  
OF 2019, (OFS PROJECT)" AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER  
ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO**

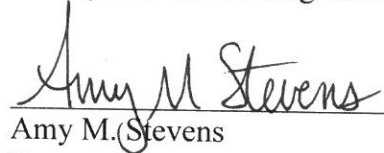
Mayor Spinner informed the general public that the Limb Yard will begin its hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 28, 2019, with security in place, for all City of Huntingburg residents.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 o'clock P.M.



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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



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Amy M. Stevens  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer