

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, June 4, 2020

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Member Spinner was physically present. Members Souders and Blessinger participated in this Board of Public Works and Safety public meeting by electronic communication by which members were able to simultaneously communicate, and this meeting was made available to members of the public and the media through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken for attendance: Spinner-Present; Souders-Present; Blessinger-Present.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger, and upon a roll call, carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger, and upon a roll call, carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, to approve the claims for payment as presented.

The Mayor presented for consideration a temporary flex policy for 4th Street. He noted that as part of the Covid-19 experience, the City's downtown restaurants are reopening but experiencing a reduced number of seats as seating capacity has been limited by the Governor. He presented the Huntingburg Restaurant Relief Program (Exhibit A) noting that 4th Street is designed for outside seating. This policy would allow the restaurants to use the spaces in front of their stores through July 5, 2020 in a variety of ways. Plans were also presented of options for restaurant operators. He presented a "Memorandum of Understanding Huntingburg Restaurant Relief Program", that would be required between the restaurant operator and the City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders, and upon a roll call, carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, to approve the Huntingburg Restaurant Relief Program as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. Stamm informed the Board that the company that takes the City's limbs will no longer accept them due to the limbs also including trash. He noted that he is currently spending \$40,000.00-\$60,000.00 to have the limbs removed. He noted an option that would have the limb grinder periodically come to the limb yard with the grinder; that cost would be approximately \$2,500.00 to move the machine and also a cubic foot charge. Stamm will continue to investigate options and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Stamm informed the Board of the issue of vehicles not being able to turn north onto Geiger Street from 4th Street when there are parked cars on the west side of Geiger

Street close to 4th Street for lack of room due to the newly constructed bumpout on the northeast corner of 4th and Geiger Streets. He presented a diagram of the issue. Stamm's recommendation, with consultation with the Police Department, is to make the extended area on the west side of Geiger Street to 4th Street a no parking area allowing a person driving south on Geiger Street to move over enough to allow a vehicle turning north to pass. Board members would like to investigate and discuss the issue with neighbors and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested permission from the Board to hire Mehling Construction to help replace 400 feet of sewer between 9th Street and 12th Street near Styline Drive. A quote presented was not exceed 120 hours of work at a rate of \$95.00 per hour for one machine and one operator, also including use of a trenchbox.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and upon a roll call, carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, to approve the recommendation of Mehling Construction for the work at the wastewater project.

Coomer informed the Board of a request by an industrial company to treat "corn water" who is researching options to get rid of the product that is normally land applied but due to weather cannot land apply. He noted that after sampling the water it was determined that due to the BOD in the samples, the City's Wastewater facility could not handle the product.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the progress of recruiting a 14th officer.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. Fire Chief Patberg updated the Board on most recent Insurance Services Office's (ISO) Public Protection Classification survey report. Patberg noted the ISO Public Protection Classification will be 04/4X on August 1, 2020, an improvement of one classification. He noted upgrades in equipment and water availability improvements are major contributors to the improvement.

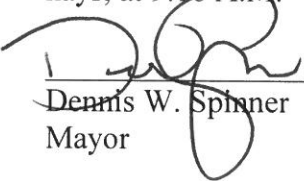
Patberg informed the Board of the need to replace the two walk doors at the First Street Station. He received three quotes; noting the cost is under \$5,000.00. He noted the low quote was from Streicher Construction in the amount of \$4,591.00. He noted that he intends to use funds from the Cumulative Fire Fund for the purchase.

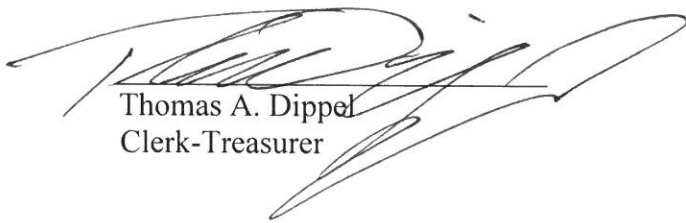
Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report. He noted that due to a contract dispute the grass at the old St. Joseph's Hospital grounds was not being mowed. After the dispute, the owners' (Huntingburg Holdings, LLC and Huntingburg Partners, LLC) representative, the Mahmoods, arranged to have the property bailed. Souders noted that after the property is bailed the owner will have to keep the grass to the 9 inch height requirement.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report.

Safety Director Gentry was not present. His monthly report was reviewed along with samples of forms to record cleaning and sanitizing activities.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger and carried, by a roll call vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, at 9:16 A.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer