

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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, November 10, 2020 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 Kissling, McPherron, Dubon, 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting.

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

The Mayor presented for consideration to add to the list of approved firefighters, the name of Glenn Landstrom. Landstrom was recommended as a candidate to the Council by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried to add Glenn Landstrom to the Council's list of approved firefighters.

The Mayor informed the Council that the City is in the process of seeking a blight elimination program grant for the property on Main Street just north of the railroad tracks, commonly known as Dairyland. He is expecting the program to come back in 2021 after being suspended due to redirection of OCRA funds for Covid-19 response. He presented a proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) for OCRA grant administration services related to a Blight Clearance Project. The agreement would be contingent upon the City obtaining an option to purchase the property. He noted documents have been sent to the current property owner related to the option purchase. Attorney Schneider indicated that appraisals for the property have been done as approved and an offer has been made for an option based on the average of the two appraisals; and the City is awaiting a response. He noted responses are due back on December 8, 2020.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the advertising of a Request for Proposal for grant administration for the Blight Elimination program

There was discussion to clarify that the increase approved for employees of the City of Huntingburg at the last meeting was a 1.5% increase across the board increase as discussed at the budget preparation meetings; none of the 1.5 % increase is to be considered a merit increase because of the budget conditions this year.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve an across the board, 1.5% salary increase for all City employees as proposed in the budget.

The Mayor presented a proposed elected officers salary ordinance. The salary increase was discussed and a 1.5% increase was approved.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-31 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS OF
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2021**


A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-31 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-31.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2020-31 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2020-31 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:47 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel reminded the Council and Mayor of the required annual certifications of compliance with the City's Nepotism and Contracting Policies. The certifications were signed by the Mayor and Council members.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 P.M.


Steven I. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer