

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Souders and Blessinger were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schwinghamer and carried to approve the claims for payment as presented.

The Mayor informed the Board that he will appoint two additional Board of Public Works and Safety members. He noted that Dustin Schmett and Neil Elkins will be the new members.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He noted that Brosmer (Land Surveying) is surveying for the new sewer between 14th Street and 17th Street today. He informed the Board that he would like to get quotes for the sewer installation in two different options. Option one would be the contractor doing the whole project and option two would be the contractor helping the City with an excavator and operator, with the City doing the ditch work. This work is being done in accordance with the purchase agreement between the City and the developer of the property near the southwest corner of 14th and Main Streets.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Coomer to get quotes for the two options noted above for this project.

Coomer informed the Board that during the inspection of 5th Street with a camera in preparation of the City's paving of the Street, it was discovered that at Highway 231 the top of the sewer main is gone; it is just dirt for about 20 feet. He will consult engineers to find out the options which will include a dead end manhole at 5th Street and abandon the line underneath the highway, or dig out in both lanes of the highway and replace that line. Coomer does not think this project can be done with in-house labor. He estimated that if both lanes of highway need to be dug up the cost will exceed \$5,000.00. It was also noted that the State is anticipating repaving the highway this summer.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve getting quotes for the two ways discussed above so the Board can make a determination on the action to be taken.

Coomer informed the Board that he has hired Ryan Grunden to replace Ron Groeshen who is retiring.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that he is getting rid of the Drug Box that has been at the Police Station, noting the rising costs to dispose of the drugs and that the CVS Drug Store has a box that the public can use.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He noted testing of trucks and ladders is complete. He requested permission to apply for a grant for 800 type radios through Firehouse Subs.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Fire Chief Patberg to apply for a grant through Firehouse Subs as noted above.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

Safety Director Gentry presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report. He noted a presentation will be given on the new proposed Unified Development Ordinance on January 25, 2021, and that a public hearing will be held on this proposed ordinance in the last Monday in February.

Community Development Director Steckler presented a proposal on call engineering services agreement between the City and VS Engineering.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the On-Call Professional Consulting Services contract between the City of Huntingburg and VS Engineering as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He indicated that plans for the three community crossing projects are planned to be presented at the February 4, 2021 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, have a bid opening at the end of February, and award the projects at the March meeting.

Stamm noted that in the past "No Parking" signs in Hunter's Crossing subdivision were discussed; he now needs to know on what side of the road they go on. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to recommend to the Common Council that there be no parking on the north side of Raider Court between Niehaus Trail and the cul-de-sac; no parking on the west side of Niehaus Trail between Stellar Way and Raider Court.

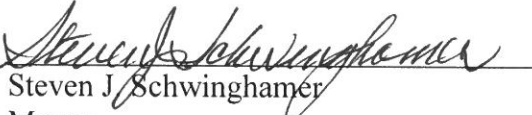
Mary Austin, of Clark-Deitz, updated the Board on the plans for Phase 2 of the West 1st Street Project. She noted the finalization that the project would combine Phase 2A and 2B together. She noted the application for the Community Crossing projects are

due on January 29, 2021. She indicated that work is being done to wrap up the plans now and she would like to get the application in the Monday before the due date. She noted the need for the commitment letter from the City indicating that the City is committing to the financial burden of the 25% match minimum. She noted the 25% match base on the current construction estimates is \$340,000.00. Construction costs estimates will be updated for the application.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the matching commitment letter for the Community Crossing Grant for up to 25% of the total cost.

There was a discussion on the grinding of the limbs at the limb yard. Stamm noted that the last quote received at year end was for \$6,100.00. It was noted the mobilization was between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00. He noted the price is to grind and haul the chips off. It was decided that no action would be taken at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried at 9:20 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer