

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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, February 9, 2021 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 Dubon, Kissling, Bounds and Wehr were physically present. Member McPherron was present virtually. This meeting was made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via Facebook link at the City's Facebook page (City of Huntingburg). Also present were Mayor Schwinghamer, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Unified Development Ordinance meeting and the Regular meeting of January 26, 2021. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council of the properties closings on February 3, 2021; sale of property to developer MHD Huntingburg, LLC at 14th Street and Main Street; and the purchase of the China Wok building (317 E. 4th Street) on 4th Street (in connection with the GSES lawsuit settlement).

There was discussion on the proposed no parking ordinance for streets in Hunters Crossing subdivision. Streets discussed were; Stellar Way, Hunters Crossing and Raider Court.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon to introduce Ordinance No. 2021-05 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HUNTINGBURG CODE OF
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 75 PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING ON PORTIONS
OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-05 at the same meeting it was introduced. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-05. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2021-05 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2021-05 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:46 P.M.

The Mayor is to communicate with the developers to make sure they are aware of current and anticipated parking restrictions in Hunters Crossing Subdivision so that potential property owners can be aware of the anticipated restrictions as well.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the restrictions of parking on 4th Street. He noted that another notification of intent to enforce the no parking rules was sent to

business owners. He indicated that he has instructed Police Chief Parks to go ahead and enforce the no parking ordinance that was adopted previously.

The Mayor indicated that he will set up a meeting to discuss the parking situation with the Huntingburg Merchants Association.

Attorney Schneider informed the Council that the City was lucky to receive a huge restricted donation in the amount of \$160,000.00 from Phyllis Menke for making improvements to Old Town Hall. Schneider informed the Council that under Indiana law a restricted donation needs to be accepted by the Council, a separate fund created by ordinance to receive the donations and restrictively use the funds for the specified purpose intended. The fund is to be known as the "Old Town Hall Improvement Fund".

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to introduce Ordinance No. 2021-06 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED DONATION AND
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE OLD TOWN
HALL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-06 at the same meeting it was introduced. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-06. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2021-06 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2021-06 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:59 P.M.


Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a report of the proposed utility accounts receivable bad debt write-offs for 2020. He noted the amount of the write-off total \$11,616.61. It was noted that even though these account balances are being written off the books of the utilities, efforts continue for their collection. He noted the successful use of the TRECS system to intercept Indiana State income tax refunds of customers who owe the utilities.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Kissling to approve the write-off of accounts receivable bad debts of the City's utilities in the amount of \$11,616.61 as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.


Clerk-Treasurer Dippel noted that the 2020 financial statements that include a comparison of the savings goals of the City at the budget review meetings last August to the actual savings are ready for review and have been made available for posting to the Boardpaq system.

There was discussion on the future of the China Wok building that the City recently acquired. Attorney Schneider will research possible actions.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.



Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer