

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, April 1, 2021
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Blessinger, Souders, Elkins and Schmett 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 March 4, 2021 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Board that the City's engineers are looking at where loading zones can be put on 4th Street to help with the double parking violation issues. The issue will be considered once the locations are proposed.

Deanna Vonderheide and Amanda Mehling, representing A Kids Place presented a Special Event Application for approval consideration for the Amazing Race to be held on April 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve A Kids Place Special Event Application as presented.

Sara Schroeder, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association presented a Special Event Application for approval consideration for the Daffodil Stroll to be held on April 3, 2021

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve the Huntingburg Merchants Association Special Event Application as presented.

The Mayor informed the Board that Brandon (Acles), of Mama T's, is getting married on June 26, 2021 and would like the City to close off the alley next to the Mama T's building for a wedding reception outside the building. It was noted that the City's insurance requirements would need to be met.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve (closing off the alley for a wedding reception).

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted that the Multihog (multipurpose tractor) is being advertised by the supplier to previously interested parties.

Stamm noted that the Community Crossing project bid opening was held last Monday, with four bids being received. The low bidder was E & B Paving in the amount of \$345,039.46. Stamm recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, E & B Paving. It was noted the low bid was well under the original estimate of approximately \$530,000.00.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept the lowest bid (from E & B Paving in the amount of \$345,039.46).

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted the "Red dot" training is complete. Parks notified the Board that the City will be losing an officer who will be going to the Indiana State Police and he will be soliciting applications again.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake was absent; his monthly report was reviewed.

Safety Director Gentry presented his monthly report. He noted the City has worked over 300,000 hours without a lost time accident; he has purchased travel mugs for employees for the accomplishment.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested approval to do a flow study discussed at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the flow study (as discussed previously).

Coomer noted that an emergency purchase was made to replace the pump at the Farbest Lift station in the amount of approximately \$8,900.00.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve the emergency purchase of the pump noted above.

Coomer requested approval to have Cooper Rail do the dirt work at the soccer field. He estimates the work to cost less than \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Cooper Rail to do the dirt work at the soccer field.

There was discussion on the use of Hydro seeding for the whole soccer field area, 270,000 square feet. It was noted that straw cannot be used near the filtration plant. Coomer is to check on how much of an area will need to be Hydro seeded and bring the information back to the Board.

Coomer anticipates the drawings for the 14th Street sewer expansion to be done next week and be ready to solicit bids on the project.

Marvin Belcher, Co-Manager of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge, was present to address a sewer lateral connection repair. There was discussion on damage to the sewer main and the cost of repair. The cost of repair was \$4,100.00 for work done by Huntingburg Machine Works. Belcher is asking for the City to pay half of the charge; \$2,050.00. A lengthy discussion followed. Conflicting information was presented.

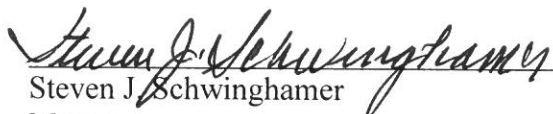
A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Souders and carried to table the issue until the Board checks with Huntingburg Machine Works so that all parties understand the situation totally and at that point the Board can address if the City wants to help compensate the Eagles for this situation.

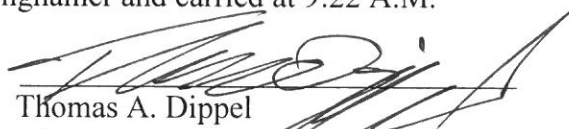
The Mayor noted the Board will get back with Belcher and Coomer.

The Mayor informed the Board of a citizen concern about the inability to see coming out of the alley behind businesses north of 4th Street, coming onto Geiger Street, due to shrubbery on private property on one side and vehicles blocking view on the other. The citizen was asking if the City could paint over the one small parking spot between the alley way and the entrance to their parking lot. It was noted that parking can be deterred by painting the curb yellow without an ordinance being adopted but can not be enforced. If this action does not stop the problem the Mayor noted an ordinance can be considered.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Street Superintendent Stamm to paint the curb of the spot noted above yellow.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schwinghamer and carried at 9:22 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer