

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 8, 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, June 8, 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 Kissling, Bounds and McPherron were physically present. Member Wehr was present virtually. Member Dubon was absent. This meeting was opened to the public, and made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via the City of Huntingburg's website. 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 McPherron to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place set for a public hearing for the rate increase of \$.1009 per 100 cubic feet of water to the Water Cost Tracking Factor. The increase is due to cost increase from the City's wholesale water supplier, Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed rate ordinance. The Mayor asked the public for comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to close the public hearing. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-17 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-44 AND
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND
SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS OF THE CITY
OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2021-17 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2021-17 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:42 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place set for a public hearing on the petition to vacate a public way. The property is part of South Sycamore Street from its intersection with Second Avenue in Grace Addition to the City of Huntingburg, running thence north 115 feet to the north line of said Grace Addition. Petitioners seeking the vacation are Timothy W. and Jacqueline L. Wehr, and Stephen and Rachel Pund. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Attorney Schneider summarized the petition and proposed ordinance. The Mayor asked the public for comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to close the public hearing. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2021-19 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF S. SYCAMORE STREET
AS ORIGINALLY PLATTED IN GRACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), 1 abstain (Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor indicated that this was the date, time and place set for a public hearing on an additional appropriation for the Huntingburg Public Library. The Huntingburg Common Council is the elected separate fiscal body for the Huntingburg Public Library. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed additional appropriation. The additional appropriation is for \$1,800,000.00 and is to be used for capital projects. The Mayor asked the public for comments. Mary Shoemaker expressed her support of the additional appropriation. No other comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to close the public hearing. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-18 entitled:

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18
(HUNTINGBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY- \$1,800,000.00)**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2021-18 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2021-18 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:48 P.M.

Attorney Schneider presented and summarized a proposed resolution establishing the policy by which members of the Common Council may participate in public meetings by electronic means of communication at times of non-emergency. It was noted that this resolution shall be known as the "Electronic Meetings Policy" and applies to the Council and any committee appointed directly by the Council or its presiding officer.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY BY WHICH MEMBERS
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY PARTICIPATE BY ELECTRONIC
MEANS OF COMMUNICATION**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council that Nathan Waggner of Cash Waggner and Associates reviewed the quotes for the replacement of the roof of City Hall. Waggner recommended the bid of Hedinger Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$46,970.00. It was noted that there could be repair costs before the roof is installed since the roof is currently leaking. There was discussion. It was noted that the cost of the new roof and any repairs prior to the installation of the new roof will be split 5 ways (Common Council, Electric Dept., Gas Dept., Water Dept., and the Wastewater Dept.). There were concerns of the probability of material price increases.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to accept Hedinger Roofing Co., Inc.'s quote of \$46,970.00. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the 2022 Civil City Budget calendar for Council review. It was noted that the 2022 budget hearing will be on September 28, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. and the budget adoption meeting will be October 12, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., both in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall. It was noted that the budget meetings with superintendents are planned for mid-August.


A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to accept the 2022 budget calendar as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Dippel also presented the Aim 2022 Budget Bulletin for Council review and reference.

The Mayor indicated the need for the Council to consider approval of two revolving loans recommended by the Huntingburg Revolving Loan Fund Committee; Old School Café in the amount of \$20,000.00 for building restoration and Raise the Bar Performance Gym in the amount of \$30,000.00 for operating costs. It was noted that the loans will be secured by 2nd mortgages.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron to approve the revolving loan recommendations of the Huntingburg Revolving Loan Fund Committee noted above. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Dubon), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 P.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer