

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, November 4, 2021

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Blessinger, Souders, 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 Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Board of the receipt of the Community Crossings Matching Grant for the continuation of West 1st Street. The grant is for approximately \$560,000.00.

The Mayor presented a professional services agreement and a proposal with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the West Third Street Rehabilitation Project. An application for the January 2022 call of the Community Crossings Matching Grant program is anticipated to be completed for this project.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to proceed in signing the agreement.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the attempts to sell the Multi Hog; offer received and counter offer were rejected. He noted that the Multi Hog was offered back to the seller of the Multi Hog for \$140,000.00, but has not heard back from them.

Stamm informed the Board that Hopf Equipment has contacted him about the potential of putting pipe along the ditch on Van Buren Street, from 19th Street, heading north, up the hill. They are proposing that if they buy the pipe, the City will install it. He noted that he and the Mayor, with the Lochmueller Group, are looking at a project to widen and upgrade Van Buren Street from 22nd Street to Hwy 64 of which the pipe installation would be a part of City project. He noted that if the Hopf Equipment project is done that it would save the City the cost of the pipe for the City's project. This project will be studied further until the City's project is known.

Stamm informed the Board that he did sign the agreement for the John Deere backhoe, but the company is on strike and the salesman indicated that the selling price would be held for as long as it takes to get the machine.

Stamm presented a change order for the contract between the City and E&B Paving in the amount \$6,164.84 for the Community Crossings project just completed.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the change order (#1) and go ahead and pay it.

Stamm informed the Board that the limb yard hours have changed to be from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Winter Hours).

Stamm presented a revised Driveway Entrance Permit Application, with wording and rate change, for approval.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the rate change and the Driveway Entrance Permit Application as presented.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. Coomer informed the Board of the selection of the Parkson SBR (Sequencing Batch Reactors) for the new wastewater treatment plant project. He noted a 3 basin tank system will be used in the specifications of the new plant.

Coomer informed the Board of the need to adopt a connection fee for the 14th (17th) Street main extension. He recommended that if someone ties on to the new 14th Street main extension in the next ten years a fee of \$14.59 per lineal foot would be changed. Attorney Schneider explained the agreement with the Arby's Restaurant developer whereby they would pay 1/3 of the construction fee in exchange for 100% of the availability fee for connections in the next 10 years up to their contributed cost.

A resolution was presented detailing the availability fee for the 14th Street main extension.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to adopt Resolution No. BPWS 2021-01 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SANITARY SEWER
AVAILABILITY FEE FOR THE E. 17TH STREET SEWER EXTENSION**

Coomer informed the Board that the heating in the wastewater main building is acting up and is need of replacement. He requested 3 quotes for a replacement. Coomer recommended the low quote was from Huntingburg Machine Works in the amount of \$8,950.00.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the quote from Huntingburg Machine Works in the amount of \$8,950.00.

It was noted that this is the date, time and place to receive and open quotes for sanitary sewer work to be done in the alley south of Huntingburg Methodist Church; for the Alley Sanitary Sewer Project. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel opened the quotes.

The quotes were:

Love Excavating	\$49,650.00
Gruber Industries	\$69,028.50

The quotes were taken under advisement to be reviewed until the end of this meeting.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He requested Jorge Dubon be offered a conditional offer of employment as a police officer so that he can start the process of obtaining a physical and mental evaluation from PERF to be a member of the Police PERF. The employment offer is conditioned upon the successful passing of the physical and mental evaluations from the State.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve making Jorge Dubon a conditional offer of employment as a police officer.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He requested that three names be recommended to the Common Council to be added to the approved firefighters list. The names are: John Veatch, Austin Koeck, and Rusty Bayer.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve recommending to the Common Council to add the names above to the approved firefighter list.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.


Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report.

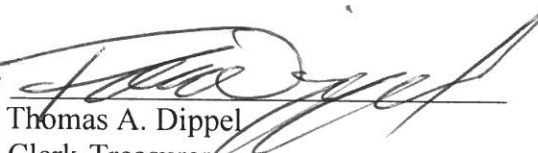
Safety Director Hopf presented his monthly report.

The review of the quotes for the Alley Sanitary Sewer Project was completed. Wastewater Superintendent Coomer recommended the low quote from Love Excavating in the amount of \$49,650.00.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the low quote from Love Excavating in the amount of \$49,650.00.

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


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer