

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
And
THE UTILITY RATE ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session with the Utility Rate Advisory Board on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the hour of 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Common Council/ Utility Board Members Dubon, McPherron, Kissling, Wehr and Bounds were physically present. Utility Rate Advisory Board members Flick, Painter and Young were present. Utility Rate Advisory Board members Bowman and Thewes were 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 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 and carried to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Members of the Utility Rate Advisory Board reviewed the rational for the proposed electric Rate for electric car charging station prepared by the City's Rate Advisor, O.W. Krohn and Associates. The rate has a variable usage charge of \$.11 per Kwh and fixed charges based on hourly usage. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Painter, seconded by Young and carried to adopt Resolution No. URAB 2022-01 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TARRIF IN THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES**

The Utility Rate Advisory Board meeting portion was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-01 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-35 TO
ESTABLISH AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TARRIF IN
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to set a public hearing for the electric vehicle charging station rate for January 25, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to elect Council member Kissling as Council President Pro Tem for the year 2022.

Even though on the approved City calendar, the Mayor requested approval for the Council and Utility Board meetings to be held generally on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the Council and Utility Board meetings to be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

A proposed resolution was presented to approve the purchase of real estate. The real estate is 2.11 acres of the former St. Joseph's Hospital campus including the accessory out-building. The property is to be used for the development of a senior citizen center. The property is being purchased from Huntingburg Partners, LLC using the City's E.D.I.T funds.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING THE
PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE
(Senior Citizen Center)**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2022-02 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-02 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:56 P.M.

The Mayor noted the repair work needed on League Stadium. He noted that the long term plan is to put new chair back seats in the stadium. He indicated that there is not enough time to get the seats and repair work done before the start of the baseball season. He presented a letter from Seufert Construction providing a budget for column and roof line repair in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the City to provide all materials, and a budget for walkway deck board replacement in the amount of \$31,400.00 with the City to perform removal and re-installation of the seats and railing, and supply all decking and structural upgrade materials needed. The Mayor indicated that the project would be paid for out of the E.D.I.T. Fund.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the work subject to the Park Boards approval.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly report for the Electric Utility. He presented an invoice from Groebner in the amount of \$13,942.50 for the emergency purchase of 50 sonic smart meters, noting the long lead times and scarcity of meters to be purchased, and upcoming electric installations.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to ratify the emergency purchase of the 50 smart meters from Groebner in the amount of \$13,942.50.

Noting the significant lead times the Utility Board discussed approval of the purchase of additional meters.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve to let Reutepohler purchase up to 100 additional meters if he can acquire them somewhere.

Reutepohler informed the Board of the need for a different fork-lift for the Electric Utility. He noted the current one was acquired used in 2013. He estimated a new fork-lift costs \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

Reutepohler requested permission to seek quotes.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr to approve Reutepohler seeking quotes for a fork-lift.

Reutepohler requested permission to seek quotes for 3 semi loads of various sizes of utility poles.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds to approve Reutepohler seeking quotes for 3 semi loads of various size utility poles.

A list of items no longer needed for their intended purpose was presented for Council action to declare the items surplus and authorize their disposal at auction.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to declare the items on the list presented surplus and authorize their sale at auction.

Attorney Schneider presented proposed ordinances authorizing contracts with Patoka Township for fire protection services in the amount of \$26,000.00 and recreational services in the amount of \$12,000.00 for 2022.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-03 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH
THE PATOKA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-03 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-03 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-03 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:26 P.M.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-04 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMON COUNCIL TO
ENTER INTO A RECREATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE
PATOKA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Dubon and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-04 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-04.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-04 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-04 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:27 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a quote from OFS for upgrade to the furniture in the Utility Billing Office. He noted the increased efficiency, separation and OSHA compliance of the proposed upgrade. The quote was for \$17,479.20. It was noted that one or more of three funding sources could be used; E.D.I.T., Utilities split, or ARPA. He noted that there is a 14 week lead time for the furniture.

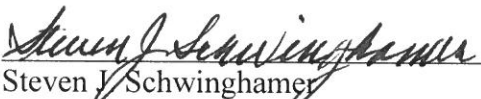
A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the quote for the purchase of the furniture upgrade for the Utility Billing Office in the amount of \$17,479.20.

The Mayor informed the Council that in Boardpaq, for review only, there is a Title VI implementation plan to be done for ADA standards. It was noted that in order to be eligible for federal funding the ADA policy and Title VI policy need to be updated. The plan will be discussed at a future meeting.

It was noted that the Council needs to make an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to appoint Riley Schumacher to the Board of Zoning Appeals (4 year term ending 12/31/2025).

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.



Steven J. Schwinghammer
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer