

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Blessinger and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Member Souders was absent.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

The Mayor requested the Board approve a Loading Zone on 4th Street on the West side of Hwy 231 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Attorney Schneider noted that the City may want to look at doing an ordinance for the loading zones (both the East and new West side of Hwy 231). Attorney Schneider will research if an Ordinance is needed.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve and recommend to the Common Council that two loading zones be approved on 4th Street by ordinance if needed.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. There was a discussion on the problem at 11th Street on Hwy 231 where trucks are blocking 11th Street by driving in the middle of the road, then taking up all three lanes on Hwy 231 creating a traffic hazard and continually driving over the corner curb, running over the street signs. Stamm informed the Board of this problem and proposed making 11th Street a no truck route from Geiger Street to Hwy 231. Stamm noted that he has not discussed the issue with Masterbrand or Steinkamps. Stamm is to discuss the effect of the no truck route with Masterbrand and Steinkamps. The Mayor noted the issue will be tabled until Stamm discusses the situation with Masterbrand and Steinkamps.

Attorney Schneider noted action is needed in regard to the West 1st Street (Phase 2) project. He noted that originally the bid opening for that project was scheduled for December 30, 2021 but some of the bidders indicated that was a bad time for them to get a bid together, with holidays etc., so they requested the bid date be extended to January 13, 2022. Due to a procedural error there is a need to re-advertise for bids. The new bid opening date is proposed to be January 27, 2022.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried determining that a delay in the opening of the bids is in the best interest of the City, and authorize the bid

opening to be on January 27, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (in the Council Chambers of City Hall).

Stamm indicated that he previously presented the request of Mike Hopf (of Hopf Equipment) to close the ditch on North Van Buren Street near their property to make maintenance easier. There was a question as to the ditch closing being a part of a City proposed project. He noted that it has now been determined that the Van Buren Street City proposed project will be too expensive at this time and will not be done. He noted that Hopf is now interested in Hopf Equipment buying the pipe and the City install the pipe with City labor.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the City providing the labor to install drain pipe, purchased by Hopf Equipment, on North Van Buren Street.

Stamm presented a 3 page list of items he wants the Board to declare surplus and authorize their sale at auction.

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

Stamm informed the Board of quotes he received for a hydro-seeder. He estimates the cost to be between \$7,020.00 and \$7,750.00. He would like to split the cost evenly with the Wastewater Utility. He will present the quotes at the next meeting.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested permission to purchase a Ring O Matic vac trailer from Best Equipment for the low quote amount of \$96,323.02. He noted that the Common Council adopted a resolution making the purchase of this machine reimbursable to the City when funds are received for the Wastewater Plant upgrade.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the purchase of the Ring O Matic vac trailer from Best Equipment in the amount of \$96,323.02.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He presented a list of equipment that is no longer needed by the Police Department, and requested the items be declared surplus and authorize their sale at auction.

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

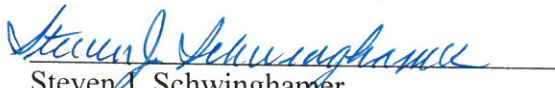
Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report.

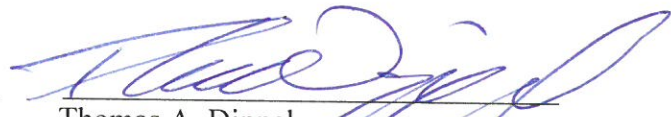
Code Enforcement Officer Souders summarized his December report. The report was not available for Board review. It will be made available on Boardpaq for Board members.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report. He noted assessed values of building permits was \$17.3M in 2020 compared to \$27.5M in 2021.

Safety Director Hopf presented his monthly report. He presented for review only a letter to INDOT referencing the City of Huntingburg Nondiscrimination & Accessibility Letter of Commitment to INDOT and the Title VI Implementation Plan. He informed the Board of upcoming safety meetings to bring the City into compliance with the Title VI and ADA. He noted that he will be presenting plans for approval at the February 3, 2022 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:12 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer