

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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, March 29, 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. Members Dubon, Wehr, Kissling and McPherron were physically present. Member Bounds was present virtually. This meeting was 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 Dubon to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council of the need to approve two firefighters as volunteer fire department members. Tim Sternberg and John Smith, who were previously on the Huntingburg Fire Department, are wishing to be firefighters again.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve John Smith and Tim Sternberg as Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department members. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor updated the Council on the status of the purchase of the property for a Senior Center (Out building of old St. Joseph's Hospital). Closing in a couple of weeks is possible after the owners return from Pakistan.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Streetsounds audio streaming system proposed for 4th Street and Market Street Park. The system will cost approximately \$22,000.00 and, also require a laptop. He noted this is the only company that provides this product and service. He is currently negotiating with Destination Huntingburg about them paying half the price, though it could be less. He noted the City's portion will be paid from EDIT (LIT-ED) funds. He noted the system would be operated out of the Current Blend building.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to allow the Mayor to work with Destination Huntingburg for the purchase of the Streetsounds audio streaming system. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A list of projects was presented to the Council for information purposes only for the ARPA Spending Plan. It was noted that no money can be spent until the Common Council approves the ARPA Spending Plan.

The Mayor informed the Council that the city hall roof is scheduled for repair on April 11, 2022.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He presented quotes for conduit needed for Hunters Crossing and the new school administration building. The low quote was from Brownstown Electric in the amount of \$31,645.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to approve the purchase of the conduit from Brownstown Electric in the amount of \$31,645.00. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler updated the Council on the electric territory transfer proposed for 21.12 acres of property owned by Lange Timber Land, LLC at the location: Pt. SE NE Sec. 23, T3S, R5W 21.12 acres adjacent to County Road 100 W. in Cass Township (Exhibit A). The property is in the territory serviced by the Huntingburg Electric Utility. It has been determined that for Huntingburg to service the area the cost would be prohibitive. It is proposed that this property owner at this location be given permission to obtain service from Dubois REC for one house and garage on this property.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr to allow Lange Timber Land, LLC to transfer out of the City of Huntingburg electric territory, 21.12 acres located at Pt. SE NE Sec. 23, T3S, R5W 21.12 acres adjacent to County Road 100 W. in Cass Township (Exhibit A) to Dubois REC. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler inquired about the size of the new Streetsound speakers on the light poles so they don't interfere with seasonal decorations. The Mayor will get specifications to him.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that a lead/copper survey will be done in the City in efforts to rid the system of lead. He informed the Board that all three water tanks have been inspected and are in great shape with minimum build up. He presented the "Water 2022 Consumer Confidence Report" and noted it has been published in the newspaper.

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed resolution to authorize the City property where the new Northside Park is being built with Land and Water Conservation fund assistance administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, to be conveyed to the City, but with a restrictive covenant that it may not be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses without notification to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr to adopt Resolution No. 2022-14 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE
FOR NORTHSIDE PARK**

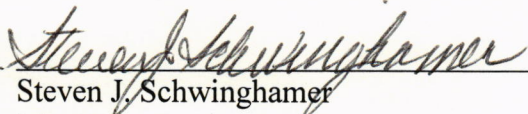
Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

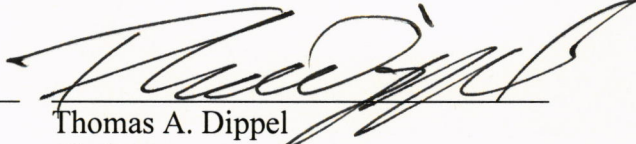
The public hearing originally scheduled for March 22, 2022 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The new proposed date for the public hearing is April 12, 2022. The additional appropriation is \$696,509.00 for projects paid for with ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and \$110,000.00 for the purchase of the new Sr. Center building from the General Fund.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to set a public hearing on the additional appropriation for April 12, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

There was a discussion on changing the protective footwear reimbursement in the City's Policy and Procedure Manual from \$200.00 maximum every two years to \$200.00 annually. A proposed addendum to the manual will be presented at the next meeting.

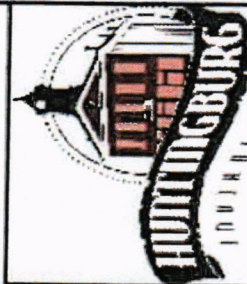
There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

3/29/22
5:30 pm

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Electric Circuits

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Electric Underground

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PadMount Transformers

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Gas Pipelines

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Lotlines

Full Landhooks

Roads

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