

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2022**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2022 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 Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted that the Spring Cleanup Days will be today, April 7, 2022 from 1 P.M. until 7 P.M., April 8, 2022 from 1 P.M. until 7 P.M. and April 9, 2022 from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. He noted the prices will remain the same as last time.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the schedule and pricing for Spring Cleanup Days as presented.

Stamm informed the Board that the alley north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street was planned to be asphalt but the feasibility of using concrete is being looked at. A comparison of quotes for asphalt vs concrete will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Stamm presented a quote from RejuvTec to apply a proprietary asphalt rejuvenating agent on portions of 14 Street, Chestnut Street and Progress Parkway in the amount of \$26,889.84. He informed the Board of the possibility of piggybacking on the mobilization portion with the City of Jasper and Dubois County so the City would only have to pay 1/3 of the mobilization. The Board will review the proposal and wait until next month to decide.

Chaitanya Mamidala, representing Clark Dietz, was present to explain a proposed change order for the West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Phase 2A. He noted confusion in the new vs old INDOT specifications which would result in the addition to the Kern's Construction contract of \$6,783.80. There was discussion on who was responsible for the oversight and when the information was known. The Board will wait to see who is responsible for the oversight. It was noted that the work would have been eligible to be included in the 75% Community Crossing Matching Grant if it had been bid correctly.

Stamm informed the Board that the limb yard was piled up again and noted that a different process may need to be implemented. Moving the Clean-up Days to 19<sup>th</sup> Street was brought up.

Stamm presented quotes for purchasing an oil storage tank for sealing oil. The quote from Sealmaster was for a used tank in the amount of \$25,000.00. The quote from Equipment Marketing Company was for a new tank in the amount of \$57,500.00. There was discussion and concern about the low usage to justify the tank purchase.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to deny the request to purchase an oil storage tank.

Stamm asked if it was feasible to get quotes to have a contractor supply the equipment and dump truck to do the 300-400 feet of storm sewer work near Hopf Equipment on Van Buren Street. He noted the City would supply the labor. Stamm is to bring quotes to the Board for consideration.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He noted a report from IDEM is forthcoming of the plant and collection system inspection recently done. Their last inspection was in 2019. Coomer informed the Board of the hiring of new Wastewater employee, Kevin Hall.

This was the date, time and place set for the bid opening for headworks pump and controller equipment for the new wastewater treatment plant.

The bids were:

Straeffner Pump & Supply	\$262,500.00
BL Anderson	\$308,902.00

The bids were taken under advisement and are scheduled to be scored this Thursday.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He requested the Board extend a conditional offer of employment to Alex Flores, as a police officer, so he can begin the physical and psychological evaluation for PERF, and upon successful completion of these evaluations approve he be sworn in as a police officer.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to make Alex Flores a conditional offer of employment conditional upon the passing of the physical and psychological evaluation test to become a member of PERF and to approve swearing Flores in as a police officer upon successful completion of the tests.

Parks presented two quotes for outfitting the Student Resource Officer's (SRO) new car; Motorola Solutions for radio equipment, \$6,332.10 and Utility Associates, Inc. for in car video, 10,982.50. The funds to purchase the car have been donated but additional funds to outfit the car have not yet been received. Parks requested to order

these items now and if donations are not received timely to purchase these two items with funds from his 2022 budget.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch and carried to allow Chief Parks to go ahead and order the items noted above, and if donations do not cover the costs, to approve using funds from his Police budget to cover the difference.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. The 2022 contract between the City and Patoka Township for the fire protection services in the amount of \$26,000.00 was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the fire protection contract noted above in the amount of \$26,000.00.

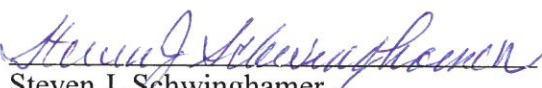
Code Enforcement Officer Alex Flores presented his monthly report.

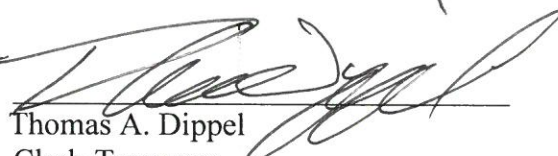
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report.

Safety Director Hopf presented his monthly report. He noted that the City has had no lost time accidents in the last 400,000 hours; a grill out is planned for July for all employees.

A Special Event Application for the Heartland Half Marathon/5k/Team Challenge & Kids Fun Run from DC Multisport was presented. No one was present to discuss so the application was tabled until next month; and this will allow the police to review the proposed routes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:31 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer