

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, May 24, 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, Kissling, Bounds, Wehr and McPherron were physically present. 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 May 10, 2022 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Council of ongoing discussions with Dubois Wood and the Spirit of Jasper (train) for the use of Dubois Wood's property as a drop off and loading site for train traffic to come to Huntingburg from Jasper for events such as Dubois County Bombers baseball games.

This was the date, time, and place set to receive development proposals for the City's property at 405 N. Main Street originally purchased to build a parking lot for downtown parking. No development proposals were received. There was discussion on the possible uses of the property and the need for additional parking.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to table discussion on this topic for tonight and move on with the meeting.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Wehr and carried that nothing be done to tear the building down until the issue is back before the Council to vote to proceed with demolition.

Attorney Schneider noted that a petition to vacate an alley was received from Superior Ag for a small area inside their current parking lot on N. Main Street. He noted a public hearing will need to be set.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to set a public hearing date for the vacation of the alley way for June 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

A Program and Events Report, from Program and Events Manager Reed, for the month of May was presented for review.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the work continues on the alley behind the Methodist Church and noted the work should be completed and ready for paving in July or August. It was noted that easements will be needed for work to be done to correct drainage issues at the railroad tracks on N. Main Street. He noted that natural gas prices are skyrocketing and are currently at near \$9.00 (per mcf).

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted crews replaced approximately 2,500 feet of small copper wire on County Road 1100 toward St. Henry with new larger capacity ASCR wire.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that an 8 inch meter vault has been installed at the Farbest facility.

The Mayor presented 3 samples of a proposed mural for the rear of the Current Blend building. The mural will depict children, house and home, and family life issues. The final mural will be a combination of the examples, chosen by kids, and painted by the Indiana University Art students.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to approve one of the drawings.

Attorney Schneider informed the Council of the need to have an abuse prevention policy. The policy will address employee contact with children and handling of abuse. The policy will be made a part of the City's Employee Policy and Procedure manual as Addendum #4.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve Addendum #4 to the City's Employee Policy and Procedure Manual.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Council of the need for a public hearing to close out the Owner Occupied Repair Grant project through the IHCDA. He indicated that Jenny Dearwester will be at the June 14, 2022 meeting to conduct the public hearing.

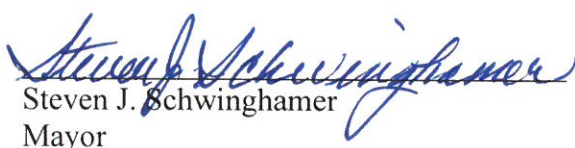
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to set a public hearing for the closeout of the Owner Occupied Repair Grant project through the IHCDA for June 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall.

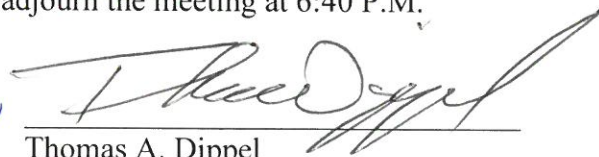
Dippel presented for review Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission resolutions indicating that there is no excess assessed value to be allocated to other taxing units for the budget year 2023.

Alex Hohl; Dubois County Council member, District 4; informed the Council that the County will be hiring a county coordinator by July 1, 2022. The coordinator will work with Indiana 15 to seek grants. The position will be called the HELP Coordinator, Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program Coordinator, noting that the full-time position will be paid for 50% from ARPA funds and 50% County funds. The position will be based in Dubois County.

The Mayor informed the Council that the County Memorial Day observance will be in Huntingburg this year at the Veterans Memorial this Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer