

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2022**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Souders, Blessinger 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 July 7, 2022 regular meeting.

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

A proposed form of an ordinance allowing off road vehicles was presented to the Board for review and possible recommendation to the Common Council. There was discussion and concerns about safety and enforcement.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried by a vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays (Fitch and Blessinger), to recommend the proposed ordinance to the Common Council for consideration.

Evelyn Rivas and Azucena Cruz, representing ALASI, presented a Special Event Application for the Latino Culture Fest to be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the ALASI's Special Event Application for the Latino Culture Fest as presented.

The Mayor requested approval for a change in the Herbstfest parade route. He would like the route to run down 4<sup>th</sup> Street rather than 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to benefit the merchants. The turn at 4<sup>th</sup> and Geiger Streets is a concern due to the planters and things there, so the route would turn at Walnut Street, adding two blocks to the parade route.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the route change above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted the surface coat is planned for this Friday for West 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Stamm informed the Board that the Durapatch machine is being underutilized and would like it declared surplus. He has a couple of people interest in purchasing it. He estimate the value of the machine to be \$30,000.00. The Mayor recommended looking into the matter further.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to look into what is involved with the sale of the Durapatch machine and the value of the machine.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He noted that a \$3.2M EDA grant was received for the wastewater treatment plant project. Coomer informed the Board that the 19<sup>th</sup> Street lift station pump has failed again. The lift station was installed in 2017 and the pumps have been rebuilt twice already. He recommends replacing with a different type pump since the Hydromatic pumps are not holding up. The cost of a new pump in 2019 was \$33,000.00. He is gathering information and would like to have a special meeting if necessary to address this issue. He indicated the City does have a back-up for this pump, but he is concerned with issues presented if a large rain event occurs. He noted Commonwealth Engineering is looking into it also. There was concern that the problem may be something other than the pump.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to give Coomer permission to check into alternatives and costs, and bring back to the Board for further consideration.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report.


Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He noted that grain training is being scheduled. He requested Michael Dilly be recommended to the Common Council for the list of approved firefighters.

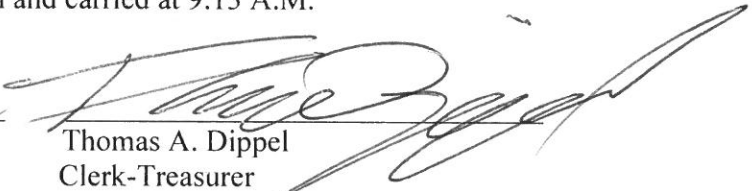
A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to recommend the Common Council add Michael Dilly to the list of approved firefighters.

Planning Director Lake presented the monthly Code Enforcement report and the Building Permit report.

There was a discussion of a possible noise ordinance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:13 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer