

## UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 23, 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, August 23, 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 and McPherron were physically present. Member Wehr intended to be present by electronic means of communication, but since the Council meeting could not be held by electronic means of communication due to camera failure issues, he was not present; therefore member Wehr was absent. Member Bounds was absent. This meeting was intended to be 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), but Council members physically present could not be seen, only heard and therefore could not be observed by the public as required. Also present were City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Council President Pro Tem Kissling called the meeting to order. Mayor Schwinghamer was out of the country.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Ed Cole, President of Dubois Strong, presented an update of Dubois Strong activities and initiatives.

The August Program & Events Report was presented for review.

Kissling informed the Board that the Board of Public Works and Safety approved recommending a new fire fighter, Michael Dilly, to the Common Council to be added to the list of approved firefighters.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to add Michael Dilly's name to the list of approved firefighters. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He explained the use of a "Smart Point" to emulate a smart meter using old diaphragm meters. He noted the discovery of an exposed 6 inch gas line along Hwy 56 and is planning will begin to schedule the boring of a new 6 inch line next summer.

Reutepohler presented a quote to purchase 150 smart point modules in the amount of \$14,400.00 from Groebner, who is the sole supplier in this area. He is seeking approval for this quote.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr (who was subsequently determined to be absent; therefore no second was obtained). This will be revisited at the September 13, 2022 meeting.

Reutepohler presented a quote from Team EJP to replace a directional antenna with a 360 degree antenna and services on the South Water Tank in the amount of \$5,900.00. The antenna is needed for the new smart meters being installed by the gas and electric utilities. Gas and Electric Utilities have customers further south of the water tank than the Water Utility resulting in the need for a 360 degree antenna.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the purchase of the (360 degree) antenna to be mounted on the South Water Tank with the cost to be shared amongst all the utilities. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted ElectriCom should be finishing up PSC work this week with pole replacement near St. Henry. He also noted Orange County REMC is wanting to attach to the City's utility poles for fiber near St. Henry.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that at the proposed new Welcome to Huntingburg sign site a water line was install at the Mayor's request to water the incorporated flower planter box. He also noted that the property owner at 1009 South Main Street has development plans for the property within the next 5 years, so he bored a new 2 inch water line under Hwy 231 and set two meter pits there, one for the property and one for the sign.

Austin informed the Board of emergency work done at 8<sup>th</sup> Street on failed valves. Infrastructure Systems will install 2, 12 inch Hydro stops, at a cost of \$14,000.00. He requested the Board approve the emergency invoice since it is over his \$5,000.00 approval limit.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to approve the \$14,000.00 invoice for emergency work done. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Austin informed the Board that the generator at the water plant failed. He does not have quotes at this time, but he is working on obtaining quotes. Consultant with Evapar estimates a new unit to cost approximately \$100,000.00. He indicated that repairs to the generator would cost approximately 1/3 the cost of a new generator. The consultant suggested to buy a new generator due to its age. It was noted that a natural gas generator would cost 2 or 3 times what a diesel model cost.

Ordinance No. 2022-30 was discussed. Ordinance No. 2022-30 is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 90 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ABANDON VEHICLES"**

This ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

A proposed off road ordinance was discussed. Attorney Schneider summarized the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-32 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON THE STREETS AND ALLEYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

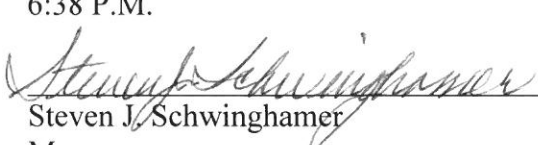
Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A draft list of regulations for a proposed noise ordinance was presented and discussed. Appointing a committee to review was suggested. The matter was tabled until a future meeting.

A proposed addendum to the City's Policy and Procedure Manual was presented. The proposed addendum deals with the reinstatement of seniority when an employee is terminated not for cause and returns to work within one year at the City's discretion. The employee would then not have to start over at year one. Other items were also clarified.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to approve the Addendum (No 5) to the City's Policy and Procedures Manual as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Bounds and Wehr), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer