

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, December 13, 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 Kissling, McPherron, Dubon and Wehr were physically present. Member Bounds was absent. 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 the City of Huntingburg's website. 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Brian DeKemper, Board President and Sarah Flamion, Executive Director, of Destination Huntingburg were present to update the Council on Destination Huntingburg's 2022 activities and 2023 goals.

The Mayor presented a proposed resolution approving the purchase of a 10 ft. by 40 ft. permanent right-of-way near the alley north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street near Geiger St. The cost is \$3,000.00 to be paid for with ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-42 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING  
PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2022-42 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bounds), in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2022-42 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:50 P.M.

Attorney Schneider summarized a proposed amendment to introduced Ordinance No. 2022-40. The amendment would change the bulk water rate to \$0.8492 per 100 gallons. This is not a recurring rate to normal customers, but only an occasional sporadic occurrence.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to amend Ordinance No. 2022-40 for bulk water sales as noted above.

It was noted that the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board met yesterday and recommended the increased water rates and charges.

This was the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing on the proposed water rate increases.

The Mayor open the public hearing and asked the public for comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to close the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2022-40 can now be considered for adoption.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-40 as amended entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND  
CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE  
MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA  
AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-40 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bounds), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-40 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:55 P.M.


Members of the Huntingburg Housing Authority were present to ask the Council to waive the annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes for 2022 in the amount of \$10,665.01. It was noted that if the waiver is approved this is money that the City's General Fund will not receive. One of the members noted that the money will be kept back to replace failing boilers.

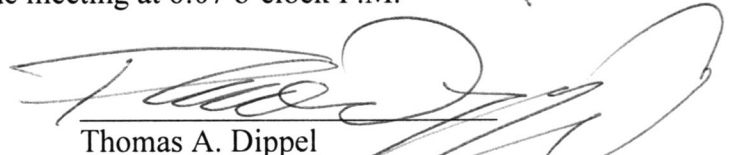
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to waive the Huntingburg Housing Authority Payment in Lieu of Taxes for 2022 in the amount of \$10,665.01.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a history of collections of City bad debts through the TRECS debt collection system.

It was brought up to possibly revisit the poultry ordinance. There was discussion. The Mayor noted that he will refer the matter to Planning Director Lake to look at like size communities' codes about the issue.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 o'clock P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer