

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, January 5, 2023**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2023 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 December 1, 2022 regular meeting.

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

Andrea Tooley, representing the Huntingburg Merchants, presented a Special Event Application for the Chocolate Walk to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Street on February 10 and 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the Special Event Application of the Huntingburg Merchants for the Chocolate Walk as presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He recommended to the Board that the City accept Copper Street into the City's street inventory. He noted the developer has fixed items that Stamm requested. It was also noted that the Street will need a portion designated as No Parking (inside circle of street).

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept Copper Street into the City's street inventory.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to recommend to the Common Council that no parking be allowed on the inside circle of Copper Street.

The developer requested that the improvement bond for the project be released with only repair of a ribbon in a drain basin needing to be repaired. The Board will wait to release the bond until the basin work is done. The issue will be brought back to the Board when completed.

Stamm noted that a meeting will be held this evening with residents along Chestnut Street concerning easements needed in order for the City to construct sidewalks along an area of Chestnut Street from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

Stamm presented Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between the City and Knies Construction that would allow extra time for completion of the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement between the City and Knies Construction as noted above.

Stamm updated the Board on Washington Street project. He noted the advertisement for bids will be published on January 11 and 18, 2023 and bids will be opened on January 25, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. The bids will be considered at the next Board meeting on February 2, 2023.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger to appoint Street Superintendent Stamm, Mayor Schwinghamer and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel to the Bid Opening Committee to open the Washington Street project bids.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He reported that some residents do not approve of INDOT's plan and don't want to give easement for the South 231 Sewer project. This project is being funded by INDOT with a reimbursement grant to the City. INDOT is looking at alternative plans.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the FAA needs to approve the shooting range near the Huntingburg Airport before the project can move forward.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He requested Eric Rainey, Cameron Giles and Jessica Patberg be recommended to the Common Council to approve them as firefighters for the City of Huntingburg; the three would be probationary for one year. He also noted that Macie Songer will start in the Jr. Firefighters Program.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to recommend Eric Rainey, Cameron Giles and Jessica Patberg be recommended to the Common Council to approved them as firefighters for the City of Huntingburg


A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept Macie Songer into the City of Huntingburg's Jr. Firefighters program.

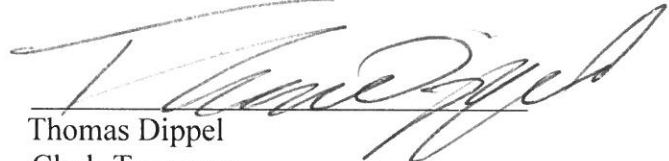
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report and the Code Enforcement report.

Lake informed the Board that due to the burned out property on North Washington Street being up for tax sale an order to demolish may be postponed until after the tax sale. Lake informed the Board that a notice was sent out to people that are known to have poultry in the City, notifying them that the City does have an ordinance prohibiting poultry in the City that has not been actively enforced in the last 2 and a half years, and should the City start to enforce the ordinance, what actions would be taken.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. She noted CPR training is being planned.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried at 8:59 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer