

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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 29, 2023 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, Bounds, Wehr, Kissling and McPherron were physically present. This meeting was 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting and the minutes of the August 14, 2023 joint meeting with the Board of Public Works and Safety.

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

Ed Cole, President of Dubois Strong, updated the Council on activities and goals of Dubois Strong.

The Mayor presented the August 2023 Program and Events Report to the Council for review.

An amendment to the schedule of fees of the Park & Recreation Department was presented. The proposed ordinance would establish deposits for rental of Old Town Hall and establish fees for Houchin Shelter and Fire Ring Plaza.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2023-19 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR USE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-19 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-19.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2023-19 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2023-19 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:50 P.M.

The Mayor requested approval of an agreement with Asociación Latinoamericana del Sur de Indiana, Inc. (ALASI) to provide services to assist the Latino population in the City and surrounding area to integrate and adapt to the local culture, civil, social and work environment. ALASI is to maintain its principal office for the administration and provision of the services at 511 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, IN. The City will pay ALASI \$550.00 per month for 16 months per this agreement effective September 1, 2023. Funds are to be paid from the City's LIT-ED fund (Edit Fund). No agreement was presented.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the agreement.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler was absent. The monthly Gas Utility and Electric Utility reports were reviewed.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of the 8th water main break in Hunters Crossing in the last 4 months. He suspects the soil makeup is a corrosive environment and has switched to poly. He informed the Board of pump problems and the eventual need to replace them. He noted since the sizing (750,000 gallons) of the south tower was done in anticipation of development on the back side of Huntingburg Elementary School, that has not taken place, the City continues to have to bring that water back to town every day from the South Tower to the East and West Towers and then pump it back to the South Tower to maintain chlorine residual for disinfectant.

Police Chief Parks requested approval to add Logan Humphrey to the police reserves conditional upon passing the voice stress test scheduled for tomorrow.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve Logan Humphrey as Police Reserve.

A proposed ordinance for allowing chickens in the City was presented. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Wehr to introduce Ordinance No. 2023-20 entitled:

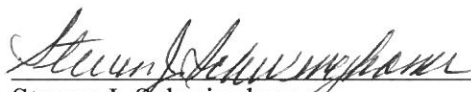
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 AND CHAPTER 34.04 OF
THE HUNTINGBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTING REGULATIONS
FOR THE KEEPING OF POULTRY IN THE CITY LIMITS AND PENALTIES
FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

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

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-20 at the same meeting it was introduced. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 3 ayes (Wehr, Dubon and Bounds), 2 nays (Kissling and McPherron), in favor of approving the motion, the motion did not carry unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2023-20 can be considered at a future meeting for adoption.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer