

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Fitch, Schmett and Blessinger were present. Member Souders was absent. 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 August 3, 2023 regular meeting and the August 14, 2023 special meeting.

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

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that IDEM has accepted the plans for the new wastewater project. Now EDA will need to approve. The project could be scheduled for bid in October.

Coomer informed the Board that he has been in contact with two other property owners on Raider Court in Hunters Crossing about the City obtaining a utility easement similar to Cox's easement at the same square footage as the Cox's received. Property owners Terrence and Eileen Thompson accepted the offer, \$3,614.21; another did not accept \$1,000.00 for a 150 sq. ft. easement.

Mayor Schwinghamer stated that this was the date and time notice was given for a hearing on the Order to Demolish Structure at 410 N. Washington Street, dated August 3, 2023 issued to Joshua J. McBride. City Attorney Schneider conducted the hearing. Proof of service of the Order and Notice of the Hearing by publication, posting at the structure, and posting on the City's website was submitted. Paul Lake, Planning Director and Chief Code Enforcement Officer gave testimony and submitted exhibits. No other witnesses offered testimony or evidence. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Order to Demolish Building or Structure at 410 N. Washington Street, dated August 3, 2023 was affirmed upon motion by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger, and unanimously carried. A record of the proceedings was made by digital audio recording which, together with all exhibits, are on file at the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted that the police reserve position is considered a conflict of interest by Logan Humphrey's employer, so he will no longer be considered for police reserve.

He noted that Assistant Chief Kramer and Officer Drew have been reviewing records for record retention purposes.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that Fall cleanup days will be Thursday, October 12, 2023-1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Friday, October 13, 2023- 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.; and Saturday, October 14, 2023-8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Prices will remain the same. He noted the Street Department is clearing an area for the North Gateway signage near 19<sup>th</sup> Street on property being donated by Steinkamps'.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He presented 5 quotes for a pickup truck. The Mayor requested the Board approve Heim to purchase the truck that he feels would best fit the needs of the Fire Department situation as long as it does not exceed \$35,000.00 cost to the Fire Department. The Energy Department will be purchasing the old Fire Department truck for \$16,000.00, leaving approximately \$35,000.00 to be paid by the Fire Department toward the new truck.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the purchase of a truck and let Chief Heim determine which truck is best for the City's situation, not to exceed a cost of \$51,000.00 (sale of old truck to the Energy Department for \$16,000.00; Fire Dept to pay the remaining) and also authorize the sale of the used white Fire Department utility truck to the Energy Department.


Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

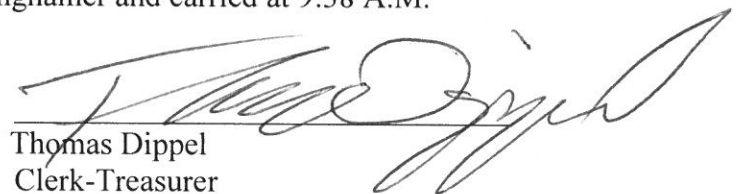
Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

William Herron, of 808 N. Jackson Street, Huntingburg, IN, addressed the Board about the possibility of purchasing the alley beside his house. Vacating the east/west alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets between Jackson Street and the COOP was discussed. Attorney Schneider explained the property history and vacation process noting that Mr. Herron will need to petition the City to vacate the alley.

Attorney Schneider will put something together for the petition for Mr. Herron.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schwinghamer and carried at 9:38 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer