

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, October 5, 2023

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Souders, Fitch, Schmett and Blessinger were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023 regular meeting and the September 14, 2023 special meeting.

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

Andrea Tooley, President of the Huntingburg Merchants Association, presented a Special Event Application for the 2023 Christmas Stroll to be held on November 5-12, 2023 at 4th Street, Market Street Park and Old Town Hall.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the 2023 Christmas Stroll.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted that he is still waiting on quotes for the generator at the Street Department. He will be presenting quotes at the next meeting for roof repair at the Street Department Building. Stamm brought up that the current 22 year old Sterling dump truck is in need of \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00 of repair work (high pressure injection pump). He noted that otherwise the truck is in good shape with only 88,000.00 miles. He noted a new truck is estimated to be about \$100,000.00. Stamm will look at repairing the truck.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of sewer work needing to be done at 7th and Clay Street. He noted that since the project is a replacement, no IDEM permit is needed. He estimated the project will cost less than \$50,000.00 and upgrade to 8 inch pipe. He requested permission to get the job done using in-house labor and equipment.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to go ahead with it.

Coomer informed the Board that the Kaiser blower for the digesters locked up. The blower was sent to Kaiser for evaluation. Replacement cost is estimated to be \$8,995.00.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the shooting range near the Huntingburg Airport. He noted that another site has been suggested, south of the airport. He informed the Board that Justin Love, of Love Excavating, would be donating time and vehicle to cut in the road to the site. It was also noted that Southern Indiana Supply would donate whatever pipe would be needed for the project.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to authorize the use of City labor and equipment to develop a shooting range at the Huntingburg Airport.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented 4 route alternatives for the road to the shooting range. After discussion, Option 1 (Exhibit A) was decided on.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Fitch and carried to go with Option 1 noted above.

Parks informed the Board of complaints for parking for long periods on 4th Street. The issue was discussed. This issue will be tabled and further addressed after the new parking lot is completed.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He is working to fill the last 2 available fire fighter positions.

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were discussed.

The Mayor informed the Board that the east side of Hwy 231 at Sunset Drive does not have a fire hydrant. There is one on the west side of Hwy 231 at Sunset Drive. He noted that the developer would be willing to contribute ½ of the cost up to \$25,000.00 to have a main extended to the east side of Hwy 231 at Sunset Drive. The project is estimated to cost less than \$50,000.00. It was noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety does not have authority to commit Water Utility resource, so the matter will need to be presented to the Utility Board.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to make a recommendation to the Council (Utility Board) to proceed with the installation of the water main and fire hydrant on the east side of Hwy 231 with the developer reimbursing the City for ½ of the total cost up to \$25,000.00.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that OFS has acquired property on 12th Street and would like to petition the City to vacate Right-of-Way and drainage easement. He noted OFS owns the surrounding properties.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Schmett to recommend vacation of the Right-of-Way and drainage easements to the Common Council.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

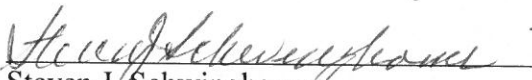
Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours were discussed again.

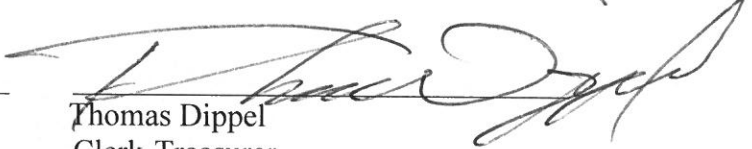
A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to set Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The demolition of the burned out residence at 410 N. Washington Street, Huntingburg, was discussed.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Souders and carried to authorize seeking bids for demolition of the residence at 410 N. Washington Street.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Fitch, seconded by Blessinger and carried at 9:28 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer