

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 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, Wehr, Bolte and McPherron were physically present. 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 Elkins, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Member Bounds was absent.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Council that Dustin Schmett who is on the Park and Recreation Board and the Board of Public Works and Safety has submitted a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. The statement was submitted as an “annual” disclosure statement as he may at some point do work for the City of Huntingburg for jobs requiring welding or fabrication.

Ruthie Sherer and Maleah Dearing of the Mayor’s Youth Council informed the Council of their plans to construct a community garden next to the Veterans’ Parkway in the Spring and asked the public for donated supplies.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the continued sales of no longer needed meter modules to the City of Boonville.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He indicated that crews are in the process of identifying connections on the City’s 3600 utility poles. He also noted that the batteries ordered last June for the Central electric substation are in and will be installed.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of a water main break near Fairmont Cemetery and provided illustrations. He noted that large diameter Sensus water meters have been received and will be installed.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer surplus funds from the Electric, Gas and Water Utilities’ Cash Reserve Funds to the City of Huntingburg General Fund as per the 2024 City Budget. The amounts proposed to be transferred are:

Electric Utility Cash Reserve Fund	\$225,000.00
Water Utility Cash Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Natural Gas Utility Cash Reserve Fund	\$225,000.00

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS EARNINGS
OF THE ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS AND WATER UTILITIES TO THE
GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Dippel presented a proposed ordinance to allow transfers of monies from one major budget classification to another within the various department and funds of the City. It was noted that the total amount spent cannot be more than the unspent balance of appropriations in the departments or funds.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2024-05 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-05 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-05.

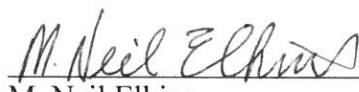
Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2024-05 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bounds), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-05 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:08 p.m.

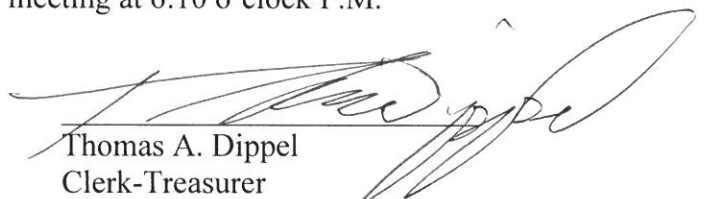
Dippel presented the exhibit to Resolution No. 2023-16 showing the transfers done for the year 2023 between major classifications within the various department and funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the 2023 annual financial statements for all funds to the Council on the Boardpaq system and noted that if anyone has any questions to please contact him to discuss.

Dippel also noted that the annual report (AFR) in the Gateway system has been submitted to the Indiana State Board of Accounts. That report is available to the public through the Gateway information system.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 o'clock P.M.


M. Neil Elkins
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer