

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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, September 24, 2019 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 Blessinger, McPherron, Wehr, Kissling and Bounds were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that this is the time and place advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2020 City Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel provided budget documents for Council review. The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-38 entitled:

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES
(HUNTINGBURG CIVIL CITY FOR THE YEAR 2020)**

The Mayor informed the Council that the Park & Recreation Department also has a Certified Pesticide Operator and since there is an introduced ordinance to provide a \$.50 per hour stipend to the Street Department's Certified Pesticide Operator, the Park & Recreation Department's Certified Pesticide Operator should also receive the \$.50 Stipend.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to amend introduced Ordinance No. 2019-35 to add the language to include the Park and Recreation Department along with the Street Department.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt as amended Ordinance No. 2019-35 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 FIXING SALARIES
FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2019**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-35 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-35 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:38 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that an ordinance prohibiting parking on certain parts of 2nd Avenue was previously introduced as Ordinance No. 2019-36.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-36 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HUNTINGBURG CODE OF
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 75 PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING ON PORTIONS
OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-36 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-36 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:41 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that an ordinance to amend the truck routes on Van Buren Street was previously introduced as Ordinance No. 2019-37

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-37 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HUNTINGBURG CODE OF
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 74, SCHEDULE IX PROVIDING FOR WEIGHT
RESTRICTIONS EXCEPTIONS ON DESIGNATED STREETS WITHIN THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2019-37 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-37 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:43 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the crew was busy on the long tedious job at 4th Street and Geiger Street. He noted the new gas discount program began in August.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He reported hitting rock while installing electric underground on County Road 950. He noted Love Excavation was called to jack-hammer the rock out. He noted crews have been setting poles on County Road 200, near the airport.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented his monthly report. He reported that services on Washington Street, from Short 4th to 1st Street, are being located to be changed from a 6" main to a 8" main which will take approximately 1 year to complete.

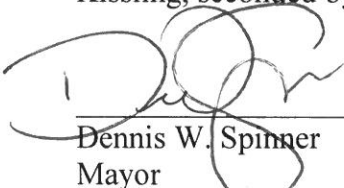
Meyerholtz informed the Board that the plans for the treatment plant and water system upgrades have been finalized and are in the hands of IDEM for review.

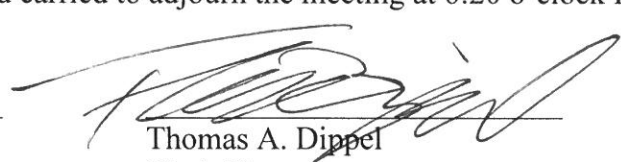
Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a report showing the collections of past due City and Utility accounts that were collected using the Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS). The total collected so far in 2019 is \$7,677.91.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Board of the need for a new server for accounting and utility billing. He noted several recent instances of computer failure where computer consulting services were required. He informed the Board that the utility billing is done weekly with weekly deadlines and cannot be down for long periods. He noted the City is also looking to purchase a City-wide server. Dippel noted the plan is currently for the purchase of two servers where each could be used as a backup for the other until a repair or replacement could be installed, reducing downtime. The funding for the servers is planned to be split by the Utilities and the General fund.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried for quotes to be obtained for both a utility billing server and a City server.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer