

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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, February 25, 2020 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, Kissling, McPherron and Wehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. Member Bounds was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution that would authorize the transfer of surplus earnings from the Electric and Gas Utilities in the amount of \$225,000.00 each. He noted the 2020 City budget included these transfers along with an additional \$50,000.00 from the Water Utility. The Water Utility bonds issued in December of 2019, for improvements to the plant and water lines, forbids the transfer of Water Utility funds until the loan from the Electric Cash Reserve fund to the Water Utility is paid off in approximately 2 years.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06 entitled:

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

The Mayor informed the Council of the Blight Clearance Program that is offered through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs which has recently been expanded to include commercial property. The Mayor suggested the former Dairy Land Shell Food Mart properties at 802 N Main Street in Huntingburg would be a possible consideration of the Clearance Program. Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, summarized the program. The Mayor presented three responses to a request for quotes, with the low quote being \$1,800.00, for the required Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Comfort Letter Application (letter from IDEM stating City is not responsible for environmental clean-up of the site) from ATC Group Services, LLC.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the low quote of \$1,800.00 from ATC Group Services, LLC as presented.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He reported that gas prices are estimated to remain low throughout 2020.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He reported that all conduit is set at the Wagon Works project site. He noted the need for more utility poles and presented quotes for sixty, 40 ft. poles. He recommended the quote from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$21,660.00. He noted the low quote was from Thomasson Company in the amount of \$21,615.00, but noted the last batch of poles received from Thomasson did not have the holes drilled straight and required additional time for City employees to correct the error.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to purchase the sixty, 40 ft. poles from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. for \$21,660.00.

Reutepohler informed the Board that requests for quotes were sent out to six vendors for a new Electric Utility SCADA system. He noted that IMPA put the engineering information together and set a bid opening for April 2, 2020. He noted the estimated cost of the SCADA system is approximately \$100,000.00.

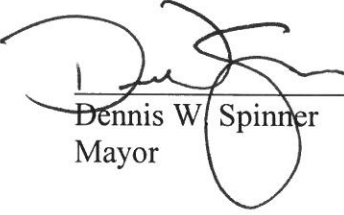
Reutepohler informed the Board that he is searching for a new company to test transformers due to the current vendor being bought out last summer.

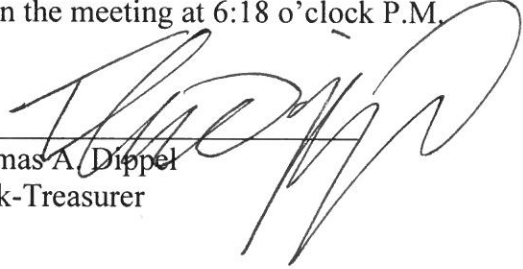
Reutepohler requested the Board declare 125, 6 ft. arms that are no longer needed. He noted Brownstown Supply would give the City a \$25.00 credit for each of the 125, 6 ft. arms. He noted he will keep 25 of the arms in case they are needed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to declare 125, 6 ft. light arms surplus.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that a bank of a drainage ditch slid and exposed 60 feet of water main and caused a 350 gallon per minute leak totaling 1,500,000 gallons lost. He noted the new water meter system is experiencing some radio frequency issues that are being looked into.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer