UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 28, 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, April 28, 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, Bounds, Kissling, McPherron and Wehr participated in this Common Council public meeting by electronic communication by which members were able to simultaneously communicate, and this meeting was made available to members of the public and the media through Facebook Live. A roll call was taken for attendance: Dubon-Present; McPherron-Present; Wehr-Present; Bounds-Present. Member Kissling was present at 5:44 P.M. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Kissling), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Dubon to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1absent (Kissling), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor presented Theresa Criss-Hartwig, representing Commonwealth Engineers. Criss-Hartwig requested the Council approve the application for funding for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant from USDA Rural Development.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr to authorize Commonwealth Engineers to submit the funding application with review by Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and for the Mayor to be authorized to sign a letter of condition when it is received. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1absent (Kissling), in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Utility reports were received for review.

The Mayor presented a proposed natural gas hedging agreement. The agreement would allow the Gas Utility to hedge a portion of future purchased natural gas. It was noted that the agreement is not an automatic hedge but would require the City to authorize each hedge. Utility Gas Management (UGM), managers of natural gas supplies for the City of Huntingburg, also recommends Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and Energy Superintendent Reutepohler be authorized to approve hedges.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to enter into the Hedging Agreement with Utility Gas Management. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds to authorize Energy Superintendent Reutepohler and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel to act on behalf of the Utility Board to authorize hedging after discussion with UGM, the City's Consultant. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 o'clock P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer