

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 22, 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, September 22, 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 Bounds, Kissling, McPherron and Dubon were physically present. Member Wehr participated in this meeting by electronic communication by which he was able to simultaneously communicate. Also present were Mayor Spinner, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken; all members were present.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular meeting. 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 Kissling, seconded by Dubon to approve the claims as presented. 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.

The Mayor indicated that this is the time and place advertised for a public hearing on proposed wastewater rates. He opened the public hearing. O.W. Krohn summarized the wastewater project and the need for rate increases to secure financing for the project. Ordinance No. 2020-22 was introduced at the last meeting. The Mayor asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by McPherron to close the public hearing. 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 McPherron, seconded by Kissling to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-22 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-37 ESTABLISHING A
NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED SEWAGE WORKS OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, AND MATTERS CONNECTED
THEREWITH**

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.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2020-22 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2020-22 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:40 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that Ordinance No. 2020-23, a bond ordinance for the wastewater project, was previously introduced and should be considered for adoption. Attorney Schneider summarized the bond issue. He noted the bonds are not to exceed \$25,000,000.00; will be 40 year bonds at a rate of 1.125%.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-23 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CURRENT REFUNDING
BY THE CITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BOND AND LOAN
OBLIGATIONS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE
BONDS TO APPLY ON THE COST THEREOF, THE**

**COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE
REVENUES OF SAID WORKS, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE
INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SAID REVENUE BONDS,
OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING
THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS, AND
REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

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.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2020-23 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2020-23 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:43 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that this is the time and place advertised for a public hearing on the proposed 2021 City Budget. He opened the public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel summarized the proposed budget noting the Total Budget Estimate for 2021 is \$10,276,489 and the estimated tax rate is approximately \$1.1657 per \$100 of assessed value. The Mayor requested comments from the public. No comments were received.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Dubon to close the public hearing. 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 Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-24 entitled:

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES
(2021)**

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.

The Mayor noted that bids need to be considered for the remaining Owner Occupied Repair housing program. Bids were received at the previous meeting. Jenny Dearwester, Housing Program Manager of Southern Indiana Development Commission, who is administering the City of Huntingburg's Owner Occupied Repair project through the Indiana Housing Authority could not be at this meeting but recommends the award of two bids; project 108 to Garners Construction in the amount of \$46,250.00; and project 114 to Garners Construction in the amount of \$27,000.00. It was noted that one property owner would not like to participate at this time resulting in that bid being removed.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling to approve the bids as presented. 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.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted leak survey work will begin in October.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted the underground unprotected wiring installed in 1985 at Timber Ridge went bad a couple of weeks ago taking several days to get back in service.

Reutepohler presented a quote from EVunited for a dual port electric charging station in the amount of \$15,463. The Mayor informed the Board that the City is applying for a grant through Radius to cover \$9,000.00 of the cost and the Utility Board would need to approve the use of \$6,493.00 from the Electric Utility for the remainder of the cost.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to approve the City's application for the grant and the commitment of \$6,493.00 from the Electric Utility for the City's part of the grant. 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.

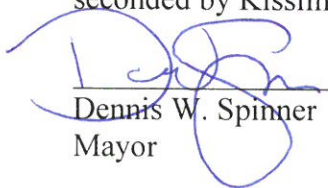
Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented his monthly report. He noted hydrant flushing is currently going on. He informed the Board that the transducer went out on the old clear well and had to be changed.

Meyerholtz informed the Board that construction has begun on the solar field and it is scheduled to be completed in January of 2021.

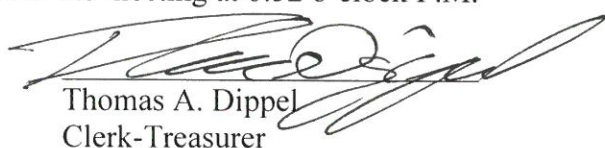
In connection with the City's participation in the cost of the kiosk for the Huntingburg Housing Authority discussed at a previous meeting it was noted that a cheaper and better kiosk was discovered by the Housing Authority. A quote for the new kiosk was presented in the amount of \$11,486.00. It was discussed to use CARES Act money to purchase the kiosk and then the City would be reimbursed through the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). A Corona Virus Relief Fund Sub-Recipient Agreement was presented. The agreement would require the Huntingburg Housing Authority to reimburse the City for the funds advanced if the cost is determined to be disallowed for any reason by the IFA.

A motion was made by Dubon, seconded by Bounds to approve the Corona Virus Relief Fund Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Huntingburg and the Huntingburg Housing Authority as presented.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer