

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, August 5, 2021

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Blessinger, Souders, Elkins and Schmett were present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 Regular meeting and the July 14, 2021 Special meeting.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the claims for payment as presented.

The Mayor presented a Street Comprehensive Plan for the Next Few Years (Exhibit A). He and Street Superintendent Stamm reviewed the streets' condition and their Paser Ratings.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve the above referenced plan.

Angie McDonald, representing the Dubois County Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was present to discuss the City's participation in the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by allowing the planting of a "Living Memorial Marker" of select perennial flowers at a site in Huntingburg.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve placing the above memorial some place in the City and work with City officials to come up with a location for the memorial.

The Mayor presented a proposal to close the north alleys on 4th Street between Geiger Street and Jackson Street to vehicle traffic for safety reasons. The alleys would still be open public ways.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve recommending the closure of the above referenced alleys to vehicular traffic to the Common Council.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that INDOT is putting together a list for him on which curbs will be replaced by them in the Hwy 231 paving project. He would then like to see if there are others that the

City can replace at the same time. He expects the list in a couple of days. He noted that INDOT's paving goal is to be done with the project in September.

Stamm informed the Board that E & B Paving will be finishing up the 5th Street, Jackson Street and Washington Street projects in August. He also noted that he has a cost estimate for North Cherry Street work from Hwy 64 to 10th Street to be paid partly out of (East Styline) TIF funds with the work to be done this fall.

Stamm informed the Board that Elm Street will be paved this year.

Stamm informed the Board that he was approached by a citizen/business owner about potentially lowering the speed limit where Progress Parkway changes to Styline Drive from 35 mph to 25 mph. The reason behind the request is that the company is expanding their parking lot and they are asking the Street Department to put in a crosswalk in the middle of the block. The business (OFS) has agreed to purchase the lighted/flashing pedestrian signs. This request was taken under advisement.

Stamm requested permission to seek quotes on a SCAG mower, backhoe and used asphalt roller. He noted he has some money remaining under equipment in his budget.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried to allow Stamm to get quotes for the three above items.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that work began Monday on the 14th Street project and they are a little over half done.

Coomer requested permission from the Board to get quotes for 200 ft. of sanitary sewer and two manholes for the alleyway north of 4th Street (and west of) Hwy 231, north of Mama Ts restaurant.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Coomer getting quotes for the above project.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted that Austin Kane will begin 17 weeks at the Police Academy.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He requested permission to seek quotes for a 1st responder vehicle; a 4x4 Pickup truck.


A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve Patberg getting quotes for a 1st responder vehicle.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report.

Safety Director Gentry was absent; his monthly report was reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried at 9:10 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A
BOPURS meeting 8/5/21 8:30 AM

Street Comprehensive Plan for next few years

I was asked to set out a plan for street improvements for the next few years. This was also in the comprehensive plan to address priorities. As you all know paving and resurfacing, etc. streets do not come cheap. And although this is a chart of priorities, it is not locked in stone if some emergency happens to come up.

I asked Jason to send me the most recent Paser Ratings which tells us the condition of the street itself. The Paser Rating goes from a 1 which is the worst to a 10 which is the best. The list given to me was from Paser Rating of 1 to 3's. He and I spent an afternoon and went personally and looked at all the streets listed on the Rating.

It did not take long to realize that most of our streets don't rate above 3's. I could only imagine the millions and millions of dollars it would take to fix them all. And unfortunately, as always money is a concern.

It was broken down into the four districts as well as by the rating itself. In addition, we also had to look at the impact it would make, what the project will cost, the amount of traffic that was on the street daily, what had been promised years ago that had never been done, and most importantly SAFETY.

Taking all that into consideration I have put together a list for the next few years and tried to keep within the criteria I spelled out above. All these selected were either in the Paser Rating of 1 or 2.

For 2021: A. We have already begun with the plans for this year on Washington and Jackson streets. And are hoping to complete the additional area of Washington from 4th St. to 1st St. this year also.

B. Also, for this year the application for grants for the completion of the West First Street Project was submitted. It was originally to go to grant at the beginning of 2021 was postponed until middle of this year.

The listing that follows are in no order of importance or starting. But were picked because of trying to complete something that had already been started or because of the safety and/or traffic, the amount of work that might need to be done as well as the Paser Rating. These lists are in no order of priority. For example, D: the 3rd street project engineering has already been in the works since the middle of 2020 and was supposed to be done in 2021 but was put off until I was sure where the money would be coming from.

2022:

- A. SW 26 2nd Street from Sycamore Street to Chestnut to finish up that street (hopefully still in 2021 but if not in 2022)
- B. SE 49 Highland Drive from Applewood Rd. to the End
- C. SE 50 Cherry Street from Vogel Ave to the City Limits
- D. SW 30 3rd Street from 4th street to the End at 64
- E. NW 89 10th Street from Geiger to HWY 231
- F. Elm Street behind Wagon Works (New Paving promised when apartments were built) This is already started so may be done in 2021.

2023:

- A. SE 49 Clay Street from 8th Ave. to Church Ave.
- B. SE 50 Cherry Street from 10th Street to just short of Hwy 64
- C. SW 13 2nd Ave. from Walnut Street to Geiger St.
- D. NE 31 12th Street from Hwy 231 to Jackson St.
- E. SE 13 1st Ave from Hwy 231 to Jackson St.

2024:

- A. SE 4 South Park Drive from 4th Ave. to the end
- B. SE 3 South Park Drive from Hwy 231 to 4th Ave.
- C. SE 13 1st Ave from Hwy 231 to Jackson St.
- D. NW 52 Industrial Park Dr. from 12th St. to the End
- E. SW 15 1st Avenue from 1st street to Sycamore St.
- F. SW 19 1st Avenue from Geiger St. to Hwy 231
- G. SE 55 Huff Street from Vogel Ave. to the End

2025

- A. NW 31 Irvine Ct. from Savannah Drive to 20th Street
- B. SW 27 2nd Street from Chestnut St. to Walnut Street
- C. SW 6 5th Ave. from Chestnut St. to End
- D. NE 43 and 44 Jackson Street from Hwy 64 to 8th Street
- E. NE 67 Friendship Dr. from 10th St. to 12th Street
- F. SW 18 1st Ave. from Walnut St. to Geiger Street

We certainly cannot do all these at the same time, and obviously these are not the only streets that need work but it's a start. And it probably is a stretch to think we can do all of them in each of the years listed. Some are relatively small jobs so that is why I put more than one or two into each year. But at least you will have some answers when asked. All these projected projects depend on grant money as well as the amount of available money from our city funds.