

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Thursday, September 2, 2021

8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Schwinghamer, Blessinger, Souders, and Schmett were present. Member Elkins resigned in August. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Regular meeting.

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

Gene Mattingly, representing The Mattingly Memorial Scholarship/Mattingly Family, presented a Special Event Application for Luv4Lexi 5K for approval. The event is scheduled for September 25, 2021.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the Special Event Application for Luv4Lexi 5K.

Andrea Tooley, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association, presented a Special Event Application for the Huntingburg Christmas Stroll for approval. The event will be held November 12-14, 2021 at Historic 4th Street and Market Street Park.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Huntingburg Christmas Stroll.

Angie McDonald, representing the Dubois County Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was present to update the Board on the site selection for the planting of the "Living Memorial Marker" in Huntingburg. She noted the Mayor felt the best location would be on the left side of the Veterans Memorial. It was felt that a 10 ft. diameter circle would be appropriate. A planting plan is being developed by Family Roots, who will do the work at this location about the 3rd week in October.

The Mayor informed the Board of a request for the City to cut a curb at the Event Center to allow people to go from the Event Center parking lot to the sidewalk to the gazebo and to the Veterans Memorial. He noted that it was determined that written permission was required from the Event Center to allow the City to do this since the curb is not on City property. The Mayor requested permission from the Board to allow the City Street Department to make the curb cut noted. A letter from The Huntingburg Event

Center granting the City permission to modify the curb leading to the bridge and gazebo was presented.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to allow the City's Street Department to cut the curb on Event Center property as noted above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that he has sent out requests for quotes for the backhoe and lawnmower, and will present the quotes at the next meeting. Obtaining a used roller was discussed. He noted that he has found a used roller for approximately \$17,000.00. Stamm requested authorization to spend an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a used roller.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve Stamm to spend an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a used roller.

Attorney Schneider explained the process of the City getting rid of the Multihog All Purpose Tractor and snow removal accessories as it is now determined to not meet the City's needs. He noted the Multihog is being purchased by the City through a lease purchase agreement with approximately \$100,000.00 owed on it. He noted that Stamm's recommendation is that the equipment be declared surplus and sell it to pay off the loan. He noted that there is a limited market for this type of equipment and an equipment auction site has been identified; Richie Brothers. He explained the costs of disposal; 9% of the sales price, and \$350.00 to list.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Sounders and carried to declare the Multihog and the 3 attachments surplus, and authorize an internet auction by Richie Brothers, on their government platform, subject to Richie Brothers meeting the internet auction requirements of Indiana law.

Stamm noted that the crosswalk signs so that OFS employees can get from the east side of Styline Drive to the west side of Styline Drive, and reduction of the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph discussed at the last meeting have been reviewed.

Stamm noted that OFS has agreed to purchase 3 of the flashing signs at the crosswalk and the City would install them.

John Menke, representing OFS, indicated the crosswalk and reduction in speed limit are for the safety of the employees.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to recommend that the speed limit on Styline Drive and Progress Parkway be changed to 25 mph and approve the City to put up the flashing signs for the crosswalk.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He presented a quote from Gripp Incorporated in the amount of \$11,970.00 to rent two flow meters in order to do modeling for the upgrading of the sewer system.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the rental of two flow meters in the amount of \$11,970.00.

Eric Parsley, representing Commonwealth Engineers, presented an amendment to the engineering agreement between the City and Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$262,500.00 for additional work on the new wastewater treatment plant related to the SWIF funding application.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the City and Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$262,500.00.

Attorney Schneider explained that when the City Council approved selling property at 14th Street to the Arby's developer part of the deal was that the City would extend the sanitary sewer to that lot provided that the Arby's developer pay 30% of the cost of that extension. He noted the Wastewater Superintendent Coomer has collected the costs of the extension (approximately \$70,000.00), their contribution will be about \$27,000.00. He noted that also in that agreement the Board of Public Works and Safety would establish an availability fee for anyone subsequently tapping on the new line, which would recover the developer's portion and the City portion. He noted that Coomer is recommending the City forgo the collection of the City portion of the costs because it is better to encourage development in the City. The City is committed to the developer to recover his costs over the next 10 years. He noted there is not a lot of property developable along the line.

It was noted that an availability fee needs to be developed.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to authorize Schneider to work with Buzz Krohn to get an availability fee established.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He requested permission to seek quotes for 2 new vehicles for next year, to be paid out of next years budget.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Parks to get quotes for two new police vehicles.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. He presented quotes for 15 SCBA bottles. He recommended the low quote from Hoosier Fire in the amount of \$12,975.00.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the quote from Hoosier Fire in the amount of \$12,975.00.

Patberg presented quotes for a pickup truck for the Fire Department. He recommended the low quote of \$32,868.52 from Sternberg's for a 2022 F-250.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept the quote from Sternberg's in the amount of \$32,868.52.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve Fire Chief Patberg to seek quotes for a lighting package, radio and other items needed for the F-250 pickup truck to be purchased.

Patberg requested an old Hurst hydraulic pump, hydraulic spreader (early 1990) and a 2002 model Hurst cutter be declared surplus so that he can give to Lockhart Township Fire Department.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to declare an old Hurst hydraulic pump, hydraulic spreader (early 1990) and a 2002 model Hurst cutter surplus and authorize Chief Patberg to donate the items to Lockhart Township.

Patberg requested an old 35 foot extension ladder be declared surplus to be sold at auction.

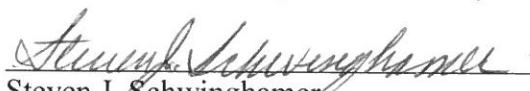
A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to declare an old 35 foot extension ladder surplus to be sold at auction.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report.

Safety Director Gentry presented his monthly report. It was noted that Gentry will be leaving the City to take a new position with OFS.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried at 9:30 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer