

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, March 1, 2018
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Neukam and Cox present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Rachel Steckler presented a Special Event Application for the Glow In the Park 2018 walk/run fundraiser for A Kids Place. The event will be April 6, 2018 from 7:15 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Glow In the Park fundraiser noted above.

Paul Neukam presented a Special Event Application from the Neukam Family for the 2018 Neukam Strong "Ride For A Reason" Poker Run, Vehicle Road Rally, Charity Fund Raiser in remembrance of Tim Neukam, who passed away a couple of years ago with pancreatic cancer. The event will be held on May 5, 2018 on 4th Street area, east of Main Street.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the 2018 Neukam Strong "Ride For A Reason" Poker Run, as noted above.

Lindsey Kennedy, representing OFS Brands, presented a Special Event Application for the Jazzed Up Race, Run/Walk, a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish. The event will be held on April 28, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. It was noted that the route usually used may be in the area of road construction on April 28, 2018 and an alternated route may need to be used. Street Superintendent Stamm will check with the contractor to see when construction will be going on. This event application approval will be tabled until the next meeting when more information will be presented.

Sara Schroeder, representing Huntingburg Kiwanis, presented a Special Event Application for the Huntingburg Kiwanis Car Show, fundraiser and tourism event, to be held on April 28, 2018 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Neukam and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Huntingburg Kiwanis Car Show as noted above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted the storm sewer work on Railroad Avenue is complete.

Stamm informed the Board of a request from Ben Steckler, of Steckler Construction, to repair a storm drain on Old Hwy 231 at the old WBDC building. He noted that the current pipe is old and has holes in it and reportedly water comes out of the pipe when it rains heavily. Steckler was wanting to know the options to repair it, if at all. Stamm is to get some cost estimates together for the next meeting for the Board's review.

Mr. Anderson, owner of 108 2nd Avenue, Huntingburg, and Mr. Taylor owner of the adjoining property, were present to request the City fill in the ditch behind their properties. Stamm indicated that it would take approximately 120 feet of 40" to 48" pipe for this project. Stamm is to get estimates of costs associated with the request to be reviewed next month by the Board.

Stamm noted that Carla Sue Cooper called him about putting speed bumps on Pleasant View Drive to stop people from speeding while cutting through from Old 231 to Van Buren Street.

Attorney Schneider indicated that the City does not put speed bumps on public streets. The Mayor noted that speed limit enforcement will be stepped up in the area.

Stamm indicated that bids were opened this past Monday for the 12th Street Project. He noted that 3 bids were received. He recommended awarding the project to the lowest bidder, Knies Construction, in the amount of \$247,044.50. He noted this is a Community Crossing Project and money has been awarded though not yet received for this project. He noted that the City's estimate was quite a bit higher than the actual bid. He noted that if the contract is approved he will send into the State and they will in turn send the City \$396,198.00. The State will pay 75% of the construction. The City is to pay 25% of the construction. The City will have to send back the remaining, unspent, amount of the grant after the project is complete.

The Mayor indicated that the funds are set aside from the EDIT fund and the Street (MVH) Fund.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Neukam and carried to accept the bid of Knies Construction in the amount of \$247,044.50 for the 12th Street Project.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. Kemp indicated that he was approved to get quotes for a Push Camera. He indicated that he and Brad Coomer went to a show last week and in their opinion the best camera and the best service they will get is the quote from Best Equipment in the amount of \$9,570.00. He noted a lower quote from a company in New York who does not have a distributor in our area and does not include a locator that works with the current system.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the purchase of the push camera and digital viewer in the amount of \$9,570.00 from Best Equipment.

Kemp noted that he wanted to bring to the Board, the proposal of the Wastewater Department to pay the Water Department a monthly fee for the use of the new water meters. He noted that in the past the Wastewater Department would pay half of the cost of new meters. He noted that the Water Department is currently in the middle of upgrading the whole City to new water meters. The proposal would be for the Water Department to pay for the meters and the Wastewater department to pay the Water Department \$.49 per month for each new meter installed. He noted the fee is based on a 20 year life of the meters. The meters are planned to be installed 500 per year over 5 years. Kemp noted that this would be better for budgetary purposes since many times he did not know when new meters were being purchase but would have to share in their cost.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve the proposed service fee from the Wastewater Department to the Water Department as presented.

Kemp requested permission to share with the Gas and Electric Utilities the cost of a Bobcat mini excavator. He noted the Utility Board has already approved the Gas and Electric Utility portions. The Wastewater share would be \$19,954.68. A large trailer will also be traded in to get a more appropriately sized trailer.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Neukam and carried to approve the Wastewater portion of the purchase of the Bobcat mini excavator in the amount of \$19,954.68.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly activity report. Parks presented some proposed changes to the Law Enforcement Aid Fund procedures. The Mayor noted the makeup of the Oversight Committee would change to include the Mayor, and some members of the Police Department. It was noted that custodial responsibilities will also change. Discussion followed.

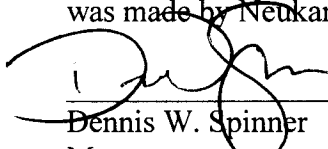
A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Neukam and carried to recommend the changes discussed to the Common Council for consideration of an amendment to the Law Enforcement Aid Fund.

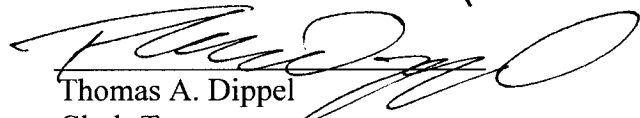
Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report. He noted he is in the process of setting a meeting with landlords about spring code concerns.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report. He noted demolition for the new Dollar General Store has begun.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn
was made by Neukam, seconded by Cox and carried at 9:23 A.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer