

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Spinner, Souders and Blessinger were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 regular meeting and the special meeting on September 8, 2020.

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

Rachel Steckler, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association, presented a Special Event Application for the Christmas Stroll on November 13, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the event.

The Mayor presented a proposed lease agreement between the City and Dubois County for space in the new Street Department building. Attorney Schneider summarized the lease noting it was for a term of 5 years and is automatically renewable for another 5 years. It was noted that the County contributed \$500,000.00 toward the construction and renovation of the new building.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the lease agreement with Dubois County for the use of the space at the Huntingburg Street Department.

Tammy Humbert, Executive Director of the Dubois County Emergency Management, informed the Board of plans to install HVAC improvements in the area used by the County to protect emergency items stored there.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger and carried to approve the improvements as planned at the Street Department by the County once final plans are submitted to the Board for final approval.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. The area of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street near the Huntingburg Housing Authority was again discussed. He noted that the City will need to do some type of paving in the area. He will get quotes for the work for the next meeting. Paving of Elm Street was discussed. He noted the plan is to widen it

and put a bus turnaround at the end. He noted there are only 3 houses on the road. Stamm noted that the plan is to do something there this year.

No parking on the west side of Geiger Street south of 4<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. The area has the same turning issues caused by the new bump outs as the area north of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. It is proposed to take two parking spots by extending no parking on the west side of Geiger Street south of 4<sup>th</sup> Street for 85 feet.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger and carried to recommend to the Common Council to adjust the no parking (on Geiger Street) to a distance of 85 feet from the intersection south (of 4<sup>th</sup> Street).

Stamm presented a map of the proposed truck routes in the City. The changes were discussed and noted in a proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Spinner and carried to recommend to the Council the changes in the truck routes as proposed by the ordinance.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. The Mayor indicated that with the area of the new wastewater plant determined, the Wastewater Department wants to make improvements near the soccer fields. To help with the improvements, Commonwealth Engineers has donated \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the donation of \$10,000.00 from Commonwealth Engineers for the soccer field complex.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He noted that all HPD supervisors will be in training in Jasper next week.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. Quotes were presented for battery operated extrication equipment to replace 20 year old equipment. The low quote was from 5Alarm in the amount of \$29,995.00.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the purchase from 5 Alarm for extrication equipment in the amount of \$29,995.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

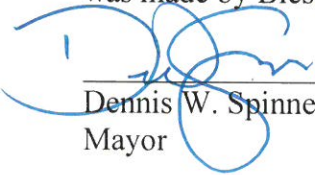
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of a request by M & M Investment Group, LLC. Since Washington Street has not been developed on the south end there is a purchaser that would like to buy the two lots of record, south of Washington Street, with the only access to those lots through the City's right-of-way where Washington Street would have been developed. He noted the road has not been developed in 70 years and he doubts it ever will be. He indicated that they are asking the Board for approval to put a drive off of Washington Street. He noted the City would like to see a hard surface drive (City Code) from the paved portion of Washington Street. He also indicated that City Code requires at least 80 feet of road

frontage for a single family home in an R1 District; because of that issue, it is on the Board of Zoning Appeals docket on October 28, 2020 for consideration of a development standards variance. It was noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety decision is contingent on the Board of Zoning Appeals decision.

A motion was made Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to allow development of a driveway on the right-of-way area designated as Washington Street.

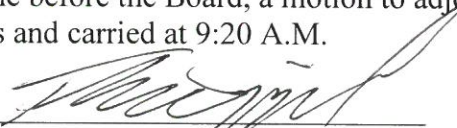
Safety Director Gentry presented his monthly report. He noted the IPEP Safety Grant application has been sent in.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:20 A.M.



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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer