

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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, January 26, 2021 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 Dubon, Kissling, Bounds, McPherron and Wehr were present. This meeting was made available to members of the public and the media streamed through the City of Huntingburg's YouTube channel accessed via Facebook link at the City's Facebook page (City of Huntingburg). Also present were Mayor Schwinghamer, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of January 12, 2021 and the Regular meeting of January 12, 2021.

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

Attorney Schneider presented a proposed no parking ordinance for portions of Hunters Crossing. He noted the Board of Public Works and Safety at their last regular meeting approved recommending the no parking areas to the Council. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Wehr to remove one block of a Hunters Crossing Pass from the proposed ordinance. There was discussion on the timing of the ordinance and the need to review the area more.

Wehr withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to table the discussion on the no parking ordinance in Hunters Crossing.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Market Street Phase 2 project. He noted design and cost factors are being reviewed. He informed the Council that surveying on the project began today. He noted the fire pit and shelter house are still in the plans.

The Mayor informed the Council that there will be a closing on the sale of the 14th Street property on February 3, 2021.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the County is replacing a bridge culvert west of the intersection of County Road 750 S and Old Road 64. He noted the City has a gas main in the area and it was determined that the 6 inch pipe is a sleeve for the 4 inch main for about 30 feet near the bridge culvert. The pipe was installed around 1992. He noted that originally no spacers were installed in the sleeve to prevent rubbing of the gas pipe on the sleeve. He noted that when the County closes the road for repair the City will need to grind the 6 inch sleeve off for about 30 feet, inspect the pipe, wrap the pipe with rock shield and replace the pipe as the bridge is being replaced.

Reutepohler presented quotes for brush and small tree clearing along City gas mains in four areas. The low quote was from Olinger Brush Cutting and Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$5,080.00.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the quote from Olinger Brush Cutting and Excavation in the amount of \$5,080.00.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He informed the Board of the availability of a purchase agreement for transformers through IMPA. Attorney Schneider noted that each time transformers are purchased the quote process needs to be followed and proof of the cheapest option needs to be shown.

He informed the Board of the receipt of a memo from IMPA that lead times for the purchase of residential transformers is 8 months and 3 phase transformers lead time is 5 months. There was discussion on getting quotes for transformers. Reutepohler is to bring quotes to the Board for review.

Reutepohler informed the Board that documentation for electric generation at the Water treatment plant needs to be approved and sent to IMPA.

The documents are:

- 1) Power Purchase Agreement between IMPA and the Huntingburg Water Treatment Plant (IMPA agrees to buy excess generation monthly)
- 2) Interconnection Agreement between the City of Huntingburg and the City of Huntingburg Water Department.
- 3) H'burg Filtration Plant Application for Interconnection of Renewable Generation Facilities

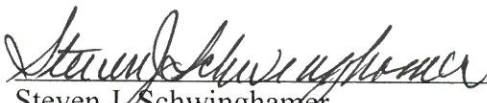
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the above 3 agreements on behalf of the Electric Department and the Water Department.

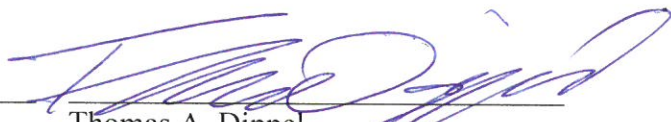
Reutepohler presented an invoice from Indiana Municipal Electric Association, Inc. for 2021 monthly dues (\$6,321.05) and 2021 Safety meeting fees (\$2,755.53) totaling \$9,076.58 for approval.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the IMEA invoice as presented.

Water Superintendent Meyerholtz presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the plant and service line upgrade project. He noted the solar field at the treatment plant is nearly complete. He noted that the work near the intersection of Main Street and Chestnut Street will be finished by the end of February.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 P.M.


Steven J. Schwinghammer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer