

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, March 4, 2021
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, March 4, 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 were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Schwinghamer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Elkins, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor informed the Board of his discussions with Street Superintendent Stamm about selling or somehow ridding the City of the Multihog MX 120. Cleanup of snow on 4th Street for recent heavy snowfall (reason for purchase of machine in January 2020) was done with a Bobcat with a bucket. Stamm noted that this method worked; damage to the street was avoided since they were very careful. Stamm recommended snow blowers for this type of clean up in the future. The Mayor noted that it is not worth having that type of machine (Multihog MX 120) if it will not be used much. Attorney Schneider informed the Board of the rules for disposal of surplus property. He recommend the Board consider authorizing to take the machine back to the dealer because it is a specialized piece of equipment with a limited market.

A motion was made by Schwinghamer, seconded by Blessinger and carried to rid the City of the machine by authorizing to take the Multihog MX 120 back to the dealer as it is a specialized piece of equipment with a limited market.

The Mayor informed the Board that last week he and Community Development Director Steckler met with Downtown Merchants Association over some concerns they had about deliveries, vehicle speeds and other vehicle issues on 4th Street. He noted they gave suggestions which are being looked into. No solutions have been determined, but the situation has been discussed.

Street Superintendent Stamm addressed the Board. It was determined that his monthly report was not made available to the members. He quickly went over the report highlights. He informed the Board that the Duropatch oil is unavailable from the City's source (City of Jasper) until summer. He informed the Board that he will be purchasing road salt in the maximum allowed amount, of 120% of estimated amount, due to depletion of salt stock due to the recent weather. He informed the Board that the grader blade on the big tractor needed repair due to the operator hitting a manhole and damaging the steel blade.

Stamm informed the Board that spring clean-up is scheduled as follows:

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| Thursday, April 8, 2021 | 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. |
| Friday, April 9, 2021 | 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. |
| Saturday, April 10, 2021 | 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. |

It was noted that during the 2021 budget preparation expenses of the clean-up days would be paid out of the Planning Department budget since similar amounts were put into the Planning Department budget and taken out of the Street budget for this clean-up.

Copies of the Street Department monthly report were presented to the Board members.

Stamm informed the Board that construction plans were completed by Cash Waggner and Associates for the 3 Community Crossing Matching Grant projects. He noted bids are scheduled to be opened on March 29, 2021 and contracts awarded on April 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Elkins and carried to approve the dates and times of the clean-up days as presented.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to go ahead and put the (Community Crossing) projects out for bid.

The settling of the pavers on 4th Street was discussed. Contractor liability was discussed. Stamm indicated that he will get with Nick Jahn (VS Engineering) to see if there are defects in construction and find out if there is anything that can be done for the problem.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He noted that he is waiting for a pump to arrive for Farbest as the system is down to one pump in the area.

Coomer informed the Board that he is communicating with Commonwealth Engineers about one of the south flows coming into the treatment plant. He noted during rain events there are overflowing manholes and water in basements from 2nd Avenue to Van Buren Street, Van Buren to Bretz Street, Bretz Street to Washington Street, Washington Street to 1st Street, and then 1st Street to the plant. He would like to do a flow study to see if it is a hydraulic issue and to find out what is going on there. His concern is the possibility that a new treatment plant is built but people still won't be able to flush their toilets. He noted that with the rainy season beginning this would be a good time to do a flow study. He noted that Commonwealth Engineers quote for the study is for an amount not to exceed \$13,900.00. The study would utilize seven flow meters, the two of the City's plus five from GRIPP, Inc. at a cost of \$2,250.00 per month. The total estimated cost would be \$36,400.00 for the flow study. It was noted that the problem

could be a piping problem to the plant. The issue was tabled until the next meeting to give Board members time to review the problem.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He reported the Body Worn and Vehicle cameras will be done today.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report.

Code Enforcement Officer Souders presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake was absent; his monthly report was reviewed.

Safety Director Gentry presented his monthly report.


Community Development Director Steckler recited the proposed charges for the Clean-Up days. She also requested that the City discontinue taking electronics at the Clean-Up days due to the expense of getting rid of these items and that there is an alternative disposal site through the County.

A list of the charges for the Clean-Up days is Exhibit A.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the (disposal) prices and discontinuing the acceptance of electronics.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Elkins, seconded by Blessinger and carried at 9:09 A.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

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Tom Dippel

EXHIBIT A

From: Rachel Steckler
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Tom Dippel
Subject: Spring Cleanup Week Prices

Hi, Tom!

Here are the prices for Spring Cleanup Week:

- \$5/car
- \$10/truck
- \$10/trailer under 8 ft.
- \$20/trailer over 8 ft.
- Tires on Rims - \$5
- Tires w/out Rims - \$4
- Trucks/Tractor Tires (over 15") - \$10
- Mattresses/Upholstered Chairs - \$10
- Couches - \$15
- Loose items in trash bags - \$1/bag

*Also, we will NOT be accepting electronics this year.

Thanks!
Rachel



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