

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 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, Wehr, McPherron and Bounds were physically present. This meeting was opened to the public, and 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 Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular meeting.

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

This was the date, time and place advertised for a public hearing on the proposed electric charging station rate ordinance. The Mayor opened the hearing. He asked for comments from the public. He received no comments.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to close the hearing.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-35 TO  
ESTABLISH AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TARIFF IN  
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-01 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-01 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:35 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution to transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Funds of the Electric, Natural Gas and Water Utilities to the General Fund of the City of Huntingburg.

The amounts are:

Electric Utility	\$225,000.00
Water Utility	\$100,000.00
Natural Gas Utility	\$225,000.00

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGBURG AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS EARNINGS  
OF THE ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS AND WATER UTILITIES TO THE  
GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Attorney Schneider explained the history of the small strip of land at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street abutting Hwy 64 that B&A Construction would like to acquire in order to have access to property they have an interest in selling. He also explained the selling process. It has been determined that \$14,000.00 is the fair market value for the property.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFER FOR SALE OF CERTAIN  
SURPLUS REAL ESTATE PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED AS RIGHT OF WAY**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Resolution No. 2022-06 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2022-06 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:45 P.M.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted the scarcity and lead times to get new commercial gas meters. He presented a quote from Groebner in the amount of \$13,176.00. He requested permission to purchase 12 Sensus Sonic meters for \$13,176.00.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the purchase of the 12 meters as noted above.

Reutepohler informed the Board that the 100 residential meters order previously may not all arrive timely, but the company will ship what they have near the end of May. He noted his intent to begin to start a meter replacement program in the Gas Utility.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He requested approval to pay the Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) 2022 membership dues in the amount of \$9,076.58. He noted that IMEA conducts safety training for the Electric Department.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve paying the membership to IMEA as noted above.

Reutepohler presented quotes for 3 semi loads of wooden utility poles. The low quote was \$45,305.00 from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. He indicated that the lead times for the poles is 14 weeks.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the purchase of the poles noted above from Brown Wood Preserving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$45,305.00.


Reutepohler informed the Board that starting in March the required four year survey of the Gas Department will begin being distributed with the utility bills.


Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that water pipe has been being stored outside at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street lot; noting that over the years there has been a lot of material wasted due to the aged, weathered pipe not holding pressure. He indicated that pipe will now be stored inside the new Street Department building.

He noted that the water towers are due for inspection this year; inspections need to be done every 5 years. He noted Pittsburg Tank and Tower will be doing the inspection with the aid of a robot inserted into the tanks.

Austin informed the Board that in years past the City sent Luke Rasche to school to be certified in backflows and cross contamination. He noted that with that certification the City can test its own backflow devices that need to be certified every year. He noted that the City spends about \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 per year for certifications. He noted that the equipment can be purchased for about \$1,400.00. Austin noted that Rasche receives additional pay for the certification that has not been used. Inspections could be done for local businesses.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer