

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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, March 29, 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, Wehr, Kissling and McPherron were physically present. Member Bounds was present virtually. 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 Kissling, seconded by Dubon to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council of the need to approve two firefighters as volunteer fire department members. Tim Sternberg and John Smith, who were previously on the Huntingburg Fire Department, are wishing to be firefighters again.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve John Smith and Tim Sternberg as Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Department members. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

The Mayor updated the Council on the status of the purchase of the property for a Senior Center (Out building of old St. Joseph's Hospital). Closing in a couple of weeks is possible after the owners return from Pakistan.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Streetsounds audio streaming system proposed for 4th Street and Market Street Park. The system will cost approximately \$22,000.00 and, also require a laptop. He noted this is the only company that provides this product and service. He is currently negotiating with Destination Huntingburg about them paying half the price, though it could be less. He noted the City's portion will be paid from EDIT (LIT-ED) funds. He noted the system would be operated out of the Current Blend building.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr to allow the Mayor to work with Destination Huntingburg for the purchase of the Streetsounds audio streaming system. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A list of projects was presented to the Council for information purposes only for the ARPA Spending Plan. It was noted that no money can be spent until the Common Council approves the ARPA Spending Plan.

The Mayor informed the Council that the city hall roof is scheduled for repair on April 11, 2022.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He presented quotes for conduit needed for Hunters Crossing and the new school administration building. The low quote was from Brownstown Electric in the amount of \$31,645.00.