

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2022**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2022 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Fitch, Blessinger, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider. Member Schwinghamer was absent.

Member Blessinger called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular meeting.

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

Kimberly Menke, representing the Huntingburg Merchants, requested approval of the Special Event Application for the Daffodil Stroll, to be held April 2-3, 2022 on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Old Town Hall and Market Street Park. There was discussion of the Merchants wanting the 4<sup>th</sup> Street barriers put up on Saturday morning and removed Sunday morning creating an overtime situation in the Street Department. Street Superintendent Stamm indicated that it takes 3-4 employees approximately 3 hours to put up the barriers and 3 hours to take them down, and working on the weekend would result in approximately 18 hours of overtime at a rate of approximately \$56.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Daffodil Stroll and approve the associated overtime to install and take down the 4<sup>th</sup> Street barriers.

Kent Schreiner, representing the Dubois County Veterans Council, requested approval of the Special Event Application for Memorial Day Observance. He requested the use of Veterans Memorial Plaza for the observance on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the Dubois County Veterans Council Special Event Application as noted above.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He presented quotes for a Hydro Seeder. The low quote was from Global Commodity Systems LLC in the amount of \$7,020.00. He noted the cost would be shared equally between the Street Department and the Wastewater Utility. Stamm recommended awarding the purchase to Global Commodity Systems LLC.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried to approve the purchase of the Hydro Seeder from Global Commodity Systems LLC in the amount of \$7,020.00.

Stamm noted that the Dura Patch machine, bought to fix potholes, is being underutilized because the oil needed for its operation can only be obtained from the County tank, and the County switches to a non-compatible oil in the Fall. Stamm is asking for permission to seek quotes for the City's own oil tank. Stamm indicated that if the Board does not feel like investing in a storage tank then the machine should be gotten rid of due to underutilization.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Stamm to get quotes for an oil storage tank (to be used with the Dura Patch machine).

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He noted that EDA funding (\$3,000,000.00) for the new treatment plant will be known between March and September of this year.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report. He presented a quote for a Motorola portable radio, from Motorola Solutions, for the Student Resource Officer (SRO) in the amount of \$7,020.00. It was noted that Motorola Solutions is the sole source for this radio.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the purchase of the Motorola portable radio from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$7,020.00.

Parks informed the Board that a special donation fund has been created for the purchase of a police vehicle for the SRO. He received 3 quotes for a Chevrolet Camaro. He indicated the low quote was from Uebelhor in the amount \$38,765.00. He is requesting permission to buy the low quoted vehicle, prior to the new Board meeting, if enough donations are received to cover the price of the vehicle. He also noted that outfitting the new vehicle will cost between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the Chief to order the SRO police vehicle if all the donations are met to pay for it.

Parks informed the Board that Washington Chrysler informed him that Dodge cut production and they would not be able to get the two (2022) Durangos, ordered last December, unless they are 2023 models. He noted other bidders do not have vehicles available either. He informed the Board that John Jones has two Durangos, but not with the options he wanted but could get by with. He noted that John Jones wants to do the up fitting on the vehicles. It was determined that this would qualify as Special Purchase for the City to go out in the open market and purchase the vehicles. Parks noted that he has the budget to cover the purchases.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to authorize a special purchase of the vehicles and limit the cost of up fitting the two vehicles to \$15,000.00 per car.

Assistant Fire Chief Kissling presented the monthly Fire Department report. He noted that firefighters were sent to help Farbest with their (bird flu) situation to haul water for foaming operation at their turkey houses. He noted Farbest's intension to reimburse the City for some of the cost.

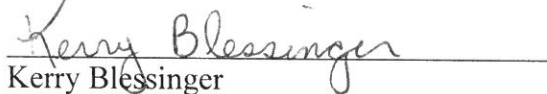
Planning Director Lake presented the monthly Code Enforcement report and the Planning report. He informed the Board that Alex Flores was hired as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer.

Safety Director Hopf presented his monthly report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett and carried at 9:15 A.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Kerry Blessinger  
Board Member