

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, April 12, 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, Bounds, Wehr and McPherron 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 Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated this is the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing on the additional appropriations of \$696,509.00 ARPA Funds and \$110,000.00 General Fund (Sr. Center Building purchase). The Mayor opened the hearing and asked for comments. No comments were received.

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

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Wehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-13.

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
THE 2022 BUDGET YEAR**

(ARPA \$696,509 and \$110,000 General Fund. Senior Center Building)

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-13 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-13 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:33 P.M.

The Mayor informed the Council that the purchase of the Senior Center building was closed on today.

The City's proposed ARPA Spending Plan (required under grant rules and City of Huntingburg Ordinance No. 2021-15) was presented and discussed (Exhibit A). It was noted that all projects will fall under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditure Category #6.1, Revenue Replacement, and the City will elect the Standard allowance method for the entire amount of their grant (allowed for Non-Entitlement Units (NEU) because total award is less than \$10,000,000). Clerk-Treasurer Dippel explained that no funds can be spent unless a project is on this plan, but the plan can be amended from time to time. Dippel also informed the Council of additional supplemental funds received or to be received of approximately \$4,000 due to some units refusing the grants, and money being reallocated to those that did request the grant. Dippel informed the Council that a project and expenditure report is due by April 30, 2022 (covering activity from March 3, 2021 through March 31, 2022).

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

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance to create a new fund and accept donated funds for accumulating funds for the purchase of equipment, software, maintenance and licensing fees associated with a public address and audio broadcast system for Fourth Street and Market Street Park areas within the City. The fund is to be known as the "Downtown Audio System Fund".



A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-15 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RESTRICTED DONATIONS AND  
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS DOWNTOWN AUDIO  
SYSTEM FUND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-15 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-15.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-15 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-15 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:40 P.M.

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-08 dealing with rates and charges of the City's Park & Recreation Department facilities. It was noted that the caps per league were removed to help recoup the money needed to construct the new ball fields being put in.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-16 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE  
USE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-16 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-16.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-16 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-16 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:45 P.M.

Planning Director Lake presented a "Compliance with Statement of Benefits-Real Estate Improvements (Form CF-1/Real Property)" from Wagon Works LP for determination of substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits (Forms SB-1/Real Property) originally submitted. He noted this is for a 10 year, 100% tax abatement for a 56 apartment complex at the old Wagon Works factory site. Lake believes the applicant has complied with the Statement of Benefits and recommends the Council approve the submitted Compliance Form.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron to accept Lakes recommendation and find Wagon Works LP in substantial compliance with their SB-1.

A proposed addendum to the City's Policy and Procedure Manual that would change the protective footwear reimbursement from \$200.00 every 2 years to \$200.00 every year was presented. The effective date of the addendum is January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Addendum No. 3 to the City of Huntingburg Policy and Procedure Manual Effective January 1, 2023 as presented.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a list of furniture from the Utility Billing Office he is requesting to be declared surplus and requested authorization for him to dispose of

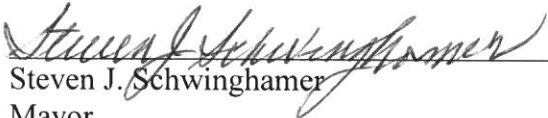



on the open market in any commercially reasonable manner. The value of the furniture is estimated to be less than \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to declare the items on the list surplus and authorize Dippel to dispose of the items on the open market in any commercially reasonable manner.

Gregory Sekula, Director of Indiana Landmarks; Citizens, Christine Prior, Joe Rohleder and Drew Englert, addressed the Council with their concerns of tearing down the house the City bought at 405 N. Main Street in order to build a parking lot for downtown. Options other than tearing down the building were discussed.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer



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