

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, September 13, 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 Bounds, Dubon, Kissling, 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 the City of Huntingburg's website. 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 August 23, 2022 regular meeting.

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

This is the date, time and place advertised for the public hearing of the 2023 City Budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the proposed budget in the amount of \$10,716,565.00. He indicated the proposed adopted rate will be \$2.5196 per \$100 of assessed value, but estimates that the tax rate would be down to \$1.0587 per \$100 of assessed value. The Mayor asked for comments from the public. 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 Wehr, seconded by Dubon and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-33 entitled:

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATE**  
**(2023 City Budget)**

Attorney Schneider summarized the abandon vehicle ordinance. There was discussion of raising the fines. Fines are to be reviewed periodically.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-30 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 90 OF THE HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ABANDON VEHICLES"**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-30 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-30 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:43 P.M.

Attorney Schneider summarized the Off-Highway vehicle ordinance.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-32 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON THE STREETS AND ALLEYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-32 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-32 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:50 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that ample time has been given for anyone interested and capable of rehabilitating the City's house at 405 N. Main Street. No one has presented an appropriate plan. The Mayor recommended moving forward in tearing the building down and putting in parking.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to tear down the building noted above.

The Mayor informed the Council of the recommendation by the Wastewater Superintendent, Engineers and the Board of Public Works and Safety to begin possible real estate acquisition of the property at 812 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street needed to save several hundreds of thousands of dollars in the construction of wastewater improvement plans in the area. The City would need to get 2 independent appraisals.

A proposed resolution was presented determining an interest in the real estate at 812 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-34 entitled:

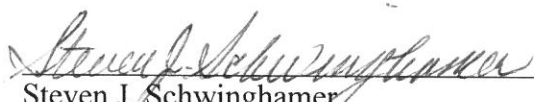
**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA DETERMINING AN INTEREST IN THE  
PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE  
(812 E. 1<sup>ST</sup> Street)**


Attorney Schneider noted a proposed contract with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission for services to administer a \$3.1 Million EDA grant received by the City for the wastewater treatment improvements project. The contract is in the amount of \$60,000.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the contract with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission noted above.

The Mayor informed everyone that the rumor that the City has already decided to put low income housing in the Maple Park property is false and that no decision has been made as to the use of the property.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 o'clock P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwingamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer