

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, September 27, 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 Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular meeting, August 18, 2022, 9:00 A.M Budget meeting and August 18, 2022 1:00 P.M. Budget meeting.

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

The Mayor presented a proposed ordinance to create the "Youth Ballfield" fund and authorize acceptance of restricted donations to pay costs associated with the design, development, construction and maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields in the City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-35 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE YOUTH BALLFIELD 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. 2022-35 at the same meeting it was introduced.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-35.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-35 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-35 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 5:37 P.M.

The Mayor presented the September 2022 Program & Events Report.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He distributed to all elected officials instructions on how to recognize the location of a pipeline, how to recognize and report a leak, and pipeline safety and damage prevention (Exhibit A). He presented a quote for 300 Sensus Smart Point modules from sole source Groebner in the amount of \$28,800.00 and asked for purchase approval.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the purchase of 300 Sensus Smart Point modules as noted above.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted the Southwest Dubois County School Corporation administration office work is complete. He requested approval to allow Orange County (REMC) to attach to the City of Huntingburg utility poles in the St. Henry area.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to authorize a pole rental agreement with Orange County (REMC).

There was discussion on raising the threshold of when a superintendent has to get Council approval to make purchases, from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00, without soliciting quotes. It was noted that the threshold has been the same since 2012. It was noted that the original action was by resolution. Attorney Schneider will draw up a resolution to formally authorize the increased amount.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to allow purchasing agents under the control of the Common Council to be authorized to spend \$10,000.00 or less without prior Council approval or soliciting quotes.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that on the Saturday night of the Herbstfest the 16" water main from Patoka began to leak and was repaired throughout the night and following morning.

Austin informed the Board that the new service truck from Sternberg's is in and is being outfitted with the bed and tool boxes.

There was discussion on the purchase of a new electric big bucket truck. Current trucks are 2008 and 2009 models. Reutepohler noted that lead times are 30 months with no quote for price. Currently the prices are increasing approximately 5% per year. Reutepohler will investigate ordering a new big bucket truck.


Clerk-Treasurer Dippel noted this is the scheduled 2023 City budget adoption meeting. He noted that the public hearing was September 13, 2022 and that no one commented and no adjustments were made after that meeting.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-33 entitled:

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION AND TAX RATE
(2023 City Budget)

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2022-33 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Kissling; Volunteer Firefighter), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2022-33 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:20 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 o'clock P.M.


Steven J. Schwinghamer
Mayor

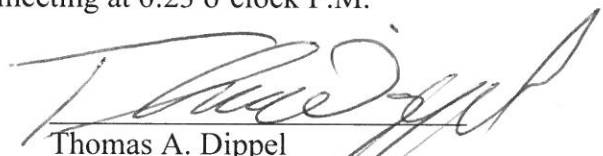

Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A 9/27/22 5:30pm.

Huntingburg Gas Utility

508 North Van Buren Street

683-3622 Office

683-2327 after- Hours 24/7



You are receiving this information because the decisions you make regarding land use and property development in your jurisdiction may impact the pipelines in your area. While accidents pertaining to pipeline facilities are rare, awareness of the location of the pipeline, the potential hazards, and what to do if a leak occurs can minimize the number of accidents.

How to recognize the location of a pipeline



811 – 99% of all incidents involving injury, damage and service outages can be avoided by making a FREE CALL to 811. Your call should be made at least two business days prior to excavating. Simply dial 811 and give the information about the type of digging you plan to do and within 48 hours all of the various underground utilities will be marked. For more information visit the website at Indiana811.org.

NPMS- National Pipeline Mapping System was created by U.S. Department of Transportation and other various federal and state governmental agencies along with pipeline industry to provide information on locations of pipelines. For more information visit the website at npms.phmsa.dot.gov.



Pipeline Markers- Markers are located in the pipeline right-of-way and indicate the approximate location, but not depth of a buried pipeline. The markers display the product transported, the name of the operator and a telephone number where to reach the operator in an event of an emergency.

How to recognize a pipeline leak

Sight – Natural gas is colorless and nearly invisible to the eyes. Small leaks can be identified by looking for dying or discolored vegetation in a naturally green area.

Sound – A leak can range from a quiet hissing to a loud roar, depending on the size and nature of the leak.

Smell – Mercaptan, a non-toxic gas is added to give the natural gas an odor described as rotten eggs or rotting cabbage.

If you encounter a suspected gas leak, leave the area immediately and call the Gas Department. DO NOT try to locate the leak.

If you suspect a pipeline leak call the Gas Utility at 812-683-3622 during working hours or at 812-683-2327 for after hours.

Pipeline Safety and Damage Prevention

The Gas Utility has been a member of Indiana 811 since 2003 and Gas employees attend training to stay up to date on the laws. We are also founding members of the Southern Damage Prevention Council that started in March of 2015 to introduce contractors, utilities companies, and gas officials for continued education and face to face encounters for a better understanding of each other's needs during various projects.

Public Awareness is also a big part of damage prevention that is achieved throughout the year with many different activities such as:

- Mailers to contractors, emergency personnel, persons living along a pipeline that are not customers and fliers that are in our utility bills.
- Posting banners throughout the City to remind the Public to call 811 before any digging project. We also have 811 decals on the City vehicles.
- Involvement in the Herbstfest Parade where we give the Public various trinkets with the 811 and Huntingburg Gas Utility information including the contact numbers and emergency materials.
- Many various smaller activities throughout the year to help raise awareness with anyone who digs in or around underground lines.