

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 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 McPherron, Kissling, Dubon, Bounds and Wehr 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor presented the Program and Events Report for March.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He informed the Board that a crack was discovered in one of the weld joints in a high pressure section at the Texas Eastern station. The station was shut down; the weld was X-rayed and determined to be a surface crack. He noted the weld was likely done in the 70s and had visible imperfections. The section was cut out, replaced, and service restored.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He informed the Board that the planned substation maintenance shutdown is delayed until April due to weather conditions. Reutepohler asked for permission to move forward with the purchase of a new 55 foot bucket truck due to market uncertainties and long lead times. Specifications for a new electric truck were presented. He will send out requests for bids.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the specifications and authorize Reutepohler to obtain bids for a 55 foot bucket truck.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that water was shut off near Southridge High School to replace an insertion valve over spring break as to minimize disruption to the area; a boil order was put in place and subsequently lifted. He informed the Board that the failed generator at the water plant was repaired and covered by insurance.


Austin indicated that an additional 130 meters and 170 radios for meters are needed to continue the SENSUS meter change over for residential customers. He noted that the SRF loan has \$51,381.00 available funds remaining and could be used to purchase the major portion of the meters; the remaining funds would come from the Water Utility operation fund. It was noted that the meters and radios are single source items that do not require bids.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the purchase of the meters and radios noted above in the amount of \$56,781.50 from sole source Team EJP.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds and carried to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to seek reimbursement from available SRF funds.

The Mayor reminded the Council of the upcoming dedication of the new Market Street Park Phase 2 project (Farbest Commons-Jay Houchin) being held this Friday at 3:00 P.M. at Market Street Park. He also reminded the Council of the Daffodil Stroll this weekend in downtown Huntingburg. He noted 4<sup>th</sup> Street will not be blocked off as originally planned.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 o'clock P.M.

  
Steven J. Schwinghamer  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer