

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, February 1, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Elkins, Fitch, Schmett, Souders and Blessinger were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Attorney Schneider passed the Patoka Township Fire Protection Agreement for 2024 around for signatures, noting that the Common Council has already approved the agreement. Patoka Township is to pay the City \$26,000.00 for the 2024 service.

Justin Reed, Representing the Solar Eclipse Committee of the Huntingburg Merchants and Destination Huntingburg, presented a Special Event Application for the 2024 Solar Eclipse Festival & Daffodil Stroll to be held April 5-7, 2024. He noted an additional event will be held outside the City at the Huntingburg Airport on April 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the Special Event Application for the Huntingburg Merchants Association and Destination Huntingburg's 2024 Solar Eclipse Festival & Daffodil Stroll.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted that he is working on the 2024-1 Community Crossing Matching Grant project which will include some preservation work along with street paving.

Stamm noted that bids were received for the 2023-02 Community Crossing Matching Grant project. A bid tabulation was presented. The low bid was from Knies Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$409,265.00. Stamm recommends the bid of Knies Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to go with Knies Construction.

The Street Department building roof repair/replacement was discussed. The Mayor noted that the City will move ahead on this project and he will put together a scope of work and will seek bids.

Police Lieutenant Mullen presented the monthly police report. Hudson Smith was introduced and Mullen requested the Board offer Smith a conditional offer of employment contingent upon Smith passing the Police PERF physical and psychological tests.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to offer Hudson Smith a conditional offer of employment contingent upon Smith passing the required Police PERF physical and psychological tests.


Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

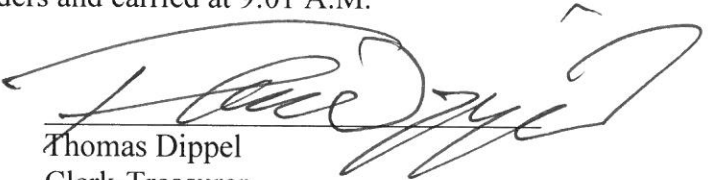
Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that pre-bid meetings will be held later this morning on projects for the A & B of the wastewater treatment upgrades. He noted that a Special meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety will need to be scheduled for February 29, 2024. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel is to notify the media of the Special meeting. It was noted that this project has spanned 3 mayors and is the largest capital expenditure in the City's history.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:01 A.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer