

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 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 Kissling, Bounds, Wehr and Bolte were physically present. Member McPherron was absent. 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. Mayor Elkins and City Attorney Schneider were absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel

Council President Pro Tem Wehr called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel noted that a public hearing was held on the 2025 City Budget on October 3, 2024. He noted the estimated property tax rate to be \$.9494 per \$100.00 of net assessed value compared to \$.9560 last year. He noted the adoption meeting is scheduled as advertised for October 22, 2024. He presented the proposed 2025 budget ordinance.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2024-19 entitled:

**ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES (2025)**

Water Superintendent Austin informed the Board of issues with losing water at the filtration plant. He noted that internal efforts to locate the leak have not worked and requested the Board approve Task Order No. 2024-01 to the agreement between the City and Commonwealth Engineers for professional services, dated March 3, 2010, for "Water Treatment Plant Filter Cell Leakage Investigation and Corrective Alternatives Report" in the amount of \$13,673.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve Task Order No. 2024-01 between the City of Huntingburg and Commonwealth Engineers in the amount of \$13,673.00 for services noted above.

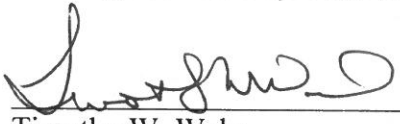
Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Council of the need to appropriate funds remaining in the ARPA fund. He noted the approved ARPA Spending Plan consists of one item; Senior Center. There is \$472,145.00 in the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (# 2402). He noted that these funds need to be committed by December 31, 2024 in order to be used. He presented a proposed ordinance for appropriation of the funds. He also noted a public hearing on this additional appropriation will need to be conducted.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Kissling and carried to introduce and number Ordinance No. 2024-20 entitled:

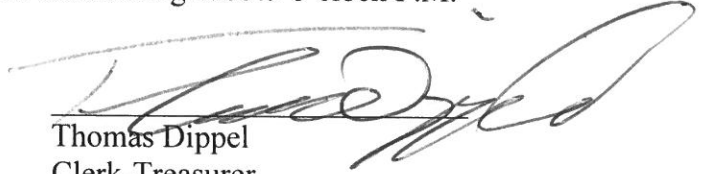
**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
2024 BUDGET YEAR  
(ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND #2402 -\$472,145.00)**

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Kissling and carried to set a public hearing date for the above additional appropriation for October 22, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in Huntingburg City Hall Council Chambers.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 o'clock P.M.



Timothy W. Wehr  
Council President Pro Tem



Thomas Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer