

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, October 3, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. 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. Members Elkins, Fitch, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dippel. City Attorney Schneider was absent. Member Blessinger was absent.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours were discussed.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve setting Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Sara Schroeder, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association, talked about the Christmas Stroll and requested permission to shut down sections of 4th Street. She informed the Board that the Merchants put in a Special Events Request for the 39th annual Christmas Stroll. No Special Event Permit Application was presented. An additional request was that two blocks of 4th Street be closed starting on Thursday, November 7 until Tuesday, November 12. The Mayor noted the City's street crew will be out on Monday, November 11 noting the merchants accepted that the Street would be closed on Monday. The Mayor requested the Board accept the request.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented the Fall Clean-up dates, times and rates. He noted that Fall Clean-up will be:

Thursday, October 10, 2024	1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Friday, October 11, 2024	1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 12, 2024	8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Stamm noted that while the Fall Clean-up is going on, the limb yard will be closed. Rates are same as Spring Clean-up and were presented.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the dates and rates.

Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted that 8th Street is near completion, and 17th Street is open now and will remain that way until Knies is ready to pave near the end of October. Knies will also do paving for the Wastewater Project while they are in the City. Knies will also be paving near the Northside Park and Street Department; the public will be directed to park at the end of Stellar Way.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the paving at the 19th Street Lift Station will be split 50/50 with the Gas Department; the cost is estimated at \$20,000.00.

Kelly Gardner, Apprenticeship Coordinator for Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, presented an Apprenticeship Training Completion Certificate, from the Department of Labor, to Wastewater employee, Ryan Grunden.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report.

Kramer noted that the Common Council has approved Logan Brown as a Reserve Police Officer.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to accept Logan Brown as a Reserve Police Officer.

Kramer informed the Board that Jamniczky Contracting, Inc. will donate time and labor, and will need to purchase the rebar and forms for the concrete work at the new Firing Range. He noted the concrete (approximately 75 cubic yards) and (items from) Steinkamps will be billed directly to the City from IMI and Steinkamps. Kramer estimates the total cost to be \$14,654.00, noting the money is coming from grants.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Schmett to approve the above project for an amount up to \$16,000.00.

A "K-9 Compensation Agreement for the Huntingburg Police Department" for K-9 care between the City of Huntingburg and K-9 Officer (Jorge Dubon) for care of K-9 Romeo was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept payment to the K-9 Officer (Approve agreement as presented).

Kramer presented two quotes for 4 radios. The low quote was from ERS Wireless in the amount of \$27,845.60. He noted the upfront cost of the radios to be \$24,903.78. The subscription fee for the next six years total \$2,941.82. Kramer noted that currently the Department has 14 hand held radios and 3 in-car radios that are being decommissioned.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to go with the quote for \$27,845.60 (from ERS Wireless).


Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He noted that the Fire Department has three openings. He requested permission to pursue and interview to fill the vacant positions.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to approve Chief Heim to pursue and interview to fill the three vacant positions.

Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report. She noted open enrollment will begin soon with no changes in benefits or benefit costs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:11 A.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer