

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2024**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, November 7, 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, Blessinger and Schmett were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Fitch, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He noted Knies Construction has completed the 17<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Stamm informed the Board that he, Mayor Elkins and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel scored the RFQs for the SS4A (Safe Streets for All) project. Two proposals were received; HWC and Cash Waganer and Associates. He indicated that Cash Waganer and Associates was selected with the highest score in the 5 criteria.

Stamm informed the Board of receiving a request for the City to take over Phase 4 of Hunters Crossing subdivision into the City's street inventory. The streets are Abby Lane and North Hunters Crossing Circle. Stamm recommends accepting these streets into the City's street inventory.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept Abby Lane and North Hunters Crossing Circle into the City's street inventory.

Jeremy Merkel, Wastewater Crew Chief, presented the monthly wastewater report.

The Mayor presented Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City and Reynolds Construction for modifications to the concrete pad for a generator and tap box at the new treatment plant. The modifications is an increase of \$20,222.83 and an extension to 600 days to complete from 480 days.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve Change Order No. 1 noted above.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the City applied for and received a grant for a bullet proof vest for K9, Romeo, saving the City \$1,800.00.

Kramer requested permission to order a new Dodge Durango after receiving quotes. He noted the low quote was for \$36,703.25 with the trade-in of two Ford Explorers and one Chevy Impala from Washington Chrysler Center.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to accept the low quote noted above from Washington Chrysler Center. He noted the vehicle will not come in until next year.

Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He asked the Board to recommend to the Common Council that Christian Calderon, Santiago Nunez and Justin Martin be added to the list of approved firefighters.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to recommend to the Common Council that Christian Calderon, Santiago Nunez and Justin Martin be added to list of approved firefighters.

Heim noted that current SCBAs are old and will need replacing. He indicated that he has had talks with the Mayor about the use of TIF funds to purchase these units, but the liability of maintaining these units will come out of the Fire Department budget. He is asking for permission to keep researching and trying to secure the units for next year.

The Mayor noted that there were changes in State Statute allowing TIF funds to be used for public safety. The East Styline TIF is being looked at for funding. Heim noted that most other fire departments around are already using the new 4500 SCBAs. He indicated that the department will need 32 new SCBAs costing approximately \$300,000.00. He also noted that a filler will be needed, but will be bid out separately.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to start the process (of obtaining the new 4500 SCBAs).

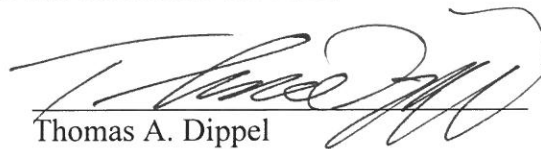
Planning Director Lake presented his monthly reports.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

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



M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer