

## UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 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, Bolte, McPherron, 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. Also present were Mayor Elkins, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 regular meeting.

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

Totorie Marion, Public Affairs Specialist with the Small Business Administration addressed the Council to inform the public about the availability of low interest loans through the Small Business Administration.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly Gas Utility report. He reported IMPA setting two 110 foot ductile iron poles in the Lake Helmerich and Jasper/Ireland areas to help with gas meter read transmission.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He presented quotes for 10 pad mount residential transformers. The low quote was from SunBelt Solomon in the amount of \$24,750.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to purchase the 10 transformers from Sunbelt Solomon.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board that the boat dock at the City Lake that had been vandalized is now repaired. He informed the Board that with the movement of Jace Merkel to Park and Recreation Superintendent, Aaron Bieker will replace him.

Austin presented a packet of detailed specifications for the Water Treatment Plant-Filter Cell No. 5 and 7 Rehabilitation and the associated advertisement for bids. The bid opening is planned for August 26, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. It was also noted that a bid opening committee will need to be appointed.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to appoint the Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor and Water Superintendent to the bid opening committee.

A motion was made by Mcpherron, seconded by Wehr and carried to approve the specifications and allow advertisement for bid.

Attorney Schneider noted that once the bids are received the financing will need to be finalized. The plan is to finance with a loan from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Council to be thinking about when they would like to conduct the meetings for the 2026 City budget. Time allotment adjustments were discussed.

The Mayor updated the Council on the new Sr. Center noting completion is contractually scheduled for the end of November, but could be done in early October.

