

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, March 5, 2026 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, Blessinger, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stevens and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting as presented.

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

A Special Event Application was presented for approval by Kathryn Wilder, representing the Huntingburg Merchants Association, for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Daffodil Stroll to be held on April 3 and 4, 2026.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to approve the Special Event Application of the Huntingburg Merchants Association for the Daffodil Stroll.

Mayor Elkins presented an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Huntingburg concerning a culvert replacement along US Highway 231 at Market Street Park. The replacement is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2028, with a current estimated cost of \$220,000.00 for the City's share (estimated cost in 2028 including inflation will be \$236,613.90).

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the agreement presented.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He presented four quotes received for the ditch cleaning starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Cherry Street Bridge and running to the North (to Second Street), then to the East to the Railroad Bridge.

Knies Construction - \$140.00/hr Track Hoe w/Operator & \$400.00 lump sum  
Mobilization/Demobilization

Cooper Contracting - \$130.00/hr Track Hoe w/Operator & \$200.00 lump sum  
Mobilization/Demobilization

Triple T Excavating - \$110.00/hr Track Hoe w/Operator & \$200.00 lump sum  
Mobilization/Demobilization

Love Excavating - \$130.00/hr Track Hoe w/Operator & \$130.00 lump sum Mobilization/Demobilization

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept the quote from Triple T Excavating. Souders abstained from the motion.

Stamm informed the Board the City was awarded the Federal Grant with INDOT to rebuild Veterans Parkway from Highway 231 to Chestnut Street, and explained the next steps for the project.

Street Department Employees were present to make comments on the current condition and issues being faced at the Street Department due to the roof leaking. Mayor Elkins noted plans of rebidding the replacement of the roof this Spring.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer presented his monthly report. He requested the Board recommend an ordinance change to the Council for Municipal Code § 55.027. Coomer noted the department finding sanitary line connections shifting with the current Fernco couplings, and recommends the change requiring a Fernco Shear Guard or an equivalent banded coupling.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Elkins and carried to recommend an ordinance change to the Council requiring Fernco Shear Guards or equivalents for sanitary connections.

Coomer updated the Board on the Wastewater upgrades.

Police Chief Kramer presented his monthly report. He presented three quotes for a 2026 Ram 1500 with a trade-in. The low quote was submitted by Sternberg Automotive in the amount of \$40,087.85. He recommended the quote from Washington Chrysler Center in the amount of \$40,311.00. It was noted Washington Chrysler Center wasn't the low quote, but was recommended due to the savings in the service provided by the dealer.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the quote from Washington Chrysler, as recommended, in the amount of \$40,311.00.


Fire Chief Heim presented his monthly report. He commented on a successful launch of the automatic aid with the City of Jasper; and the department maintained an ISO Class 4/4X rating.


Planning Director Lake was absent. Mayor Elkins presented his monthly reports. He informed the Board the house located at 422 North Jackson Street has been demolished.

Safety Director Brown presented her monthly report.

Roy McWilliams requested the Board to look at installing a guardrail or cabling along the new sidewalk on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Chestnut Street, as a safety precaution for the duplexes to the South.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Fitch and carried at 9:32 A.M.

  
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M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor

  
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Amy M. Stevens  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer