

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, January 23, 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, McPherron, Bounds and Bolte were physically present. Member Wehr was present virtually. 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. 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 Bolte to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 regular meeting. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds to approve the claims as presented. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He informed the Board about the changing of operational flows, between the two supplying pipelines, to keep gas costs lower during the recent extended cold weather.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He informed the Board that 3 phase pad mount transformer will be needed for the new wastewater treatment plant. He presented three quotes for transformer with the low being \$64,355.00 from Brownstown Electric for a Prolec GE transformer with a 48 week lead-time. He informed the Board that the cost of the transformer will be reimbursed by the Wastewater Department. If a backup transformer is needed a smaller unit could suffice.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron to approve the purchase of the Prolec GE transformer for \$64,355.00 with the understanding that the Wastewater Utility will repay the Electric Utility the cost of the transformer. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. Austin reported that 5 year old water service lines have failed due to heavy corrosion in Hunters Crossing. He will be replacing with "Poly" service lines.

It was noted that the Huntingburg Board of Finance needs to have a meeting in January 2024. The Common Council makes up the Huntingburg Board of Finance.

The minutes of the Board of Finance are made a part of these minutes and are on page 303.

An updated ordinance designating depositories of City funds was presented.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bounds to introduce Ordinance No. 2024-03 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE DEPOSIT OF CITY FUNDS**

Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

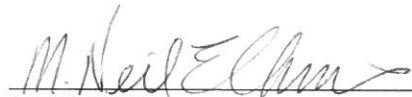
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte with unanimous consent to suspend the rules and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-03 at the same

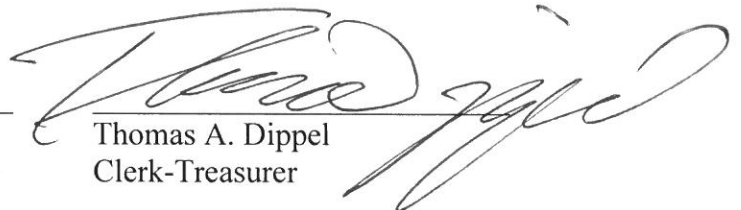
meeting it was introduced. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Bolte to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-03. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2024-03 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-03 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:13 P.M.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 o'clock P.M. Upon call of roll for the acceptance of the motion, the vote being 5 ayes, 0 nays, in favor of approving the motion, the motion carried.

  
M. Neil Elkins  
Mayor

  
Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer