

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, March 26, 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, Wehr, Bolte and McPherron were physically present. Member Bounds was absent. 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 McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 regular meeting.

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

The Mayor indicated that the big news is the preparation for the solar eclipse (April 8, 2024). He noted a safety plan is in place for all City departments. He noted most City employees will be off that day. Police and anyone needed for an emergency will be working. Office employees will be able to leave around noon, prior to threatened traffic issues. The Mayor plans to issue a civil emergency declaration for the solar eclipse. He noted the extensive meeting and safety hours put in to make this event safe.

The Program & Events Report for March was made available to the Council.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He also presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He noted Electric crews have been clearing trees and also setting poles for Orange County Fiber.

Reutepohler presented quotes for 60 wooden utility poles. He recommended the low quote was from Brown Wood Preserving Company in the amount of \$36,498.00.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve the purchase of 60 poles from Brown Wood Preserving Company in the amount of \$36,498.00.

Reutepohler also presented a quote for 16-45 ft. and 2-110 ft. ductile iron poles from Brownstown Electric Supply in the amount of \$63,749.37. He noted the 110 ft. poles are for the Gas Department to aid in meter signals from more remote areas near Ireland and Lake Helmerich. He noted the freight would be the same for the 2- 110 ft. poles as it would be for a truck load with the 16-45ft poles, and asked if the Board would like him to order the 2- 110 ft poles to make a full load of 18 poles.

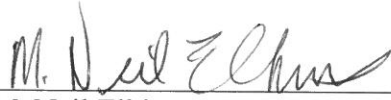
A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to approve accepting the quote from Brownstown Electric Supply in the amount of \$63,749.37 for a whole load of poles.

Reutepohler informed the Board that he received word that the large bucket truck ordered last June is scheduled to be started on the assembly line in August of 2025; no price is yet available. He also noted that the City's suppliers of pad mount transformers currently have a 1 year lead-time.

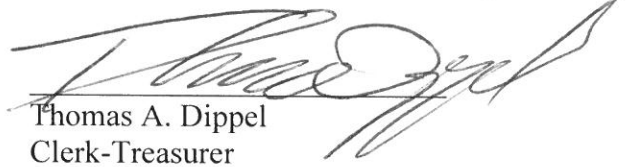
Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He noted that crews planted 750 trees around the City Lake and they are doing well. He informed the Board that crews attended required continuing education in French Lick. He has received 4 of the 22 large diameter Sensus meters ordered seven months ago.

The Mayor informed the Council that the new owners of the old St. Joseph Hospital will be making improvements and paving lots soon.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 o'clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer