

**HUNTINGBURG UTILITY RATE ADVISORY BOARD JOINT MEETING
WITH
UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL AND THE
HUNTINGBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

The Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board, and the Huntingburg Common Council and Utility Board, and the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety met in joint session on Tuesday, April 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. Council Members Kissling, Wehr, Bolte, Bounds and McPherron were physically present. Board of Public Works and Safety members Elkins, Schmett, Blessinger and Fitch were present; member Souders was absent. Utility Rate Advisory Board members Young, Blessinger, Bowman and Painter were 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 accessed via the City of Huntingburg's website. Also present were City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

This is a joint meeting with the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety, the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board, and the Huntingburg Common Council and Utility Board for discussion and actions concerning matters of the new wastewater plant and systems upgrades.

Mayor Elkins called the Council meeting to order.

The Mayor called the Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety to order.

The Mayor, in the absence of a chairperson, called the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board to order. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Blessinger and carried to appoint member, Sandra Bowman, Chairperson of the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board.

Eric Parsley, representing Commonwealth Engineers, the City's engineer on this project, presented a history, purpose of need and costs for the wastewater upgrades.

Buzz Krohn, representing O.W. Krohn and Associates, the City's financial advisor, presented financial information of the Wastewater Utility and the various grants, notes and bonds needed to finance this project. The total cost of the project with estimated refinancing of current debt at lower rates is estimated to be \$51,150,491.00. Federal Grants (EDA \$3,184,491.00; SRF/SWIF \$5,000,000.00) of approximately \$8,200,000.00 will be received. The Indiana Bond Bank will provide interim financing through the construction period. Bonds are to be issued for approximately \$40,700,000.00 through the USDA Rural Development once the project is complete. He presented two proposed rate increases; Phase I, effective, June 1, 2024; 17.5% and Phase II, effective January 1, 2025; 10%.

Attorney Schneider noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety needs to consider making a tentative award of the collection portion of the project, as rebid for Division B (non-plant items), to Cooper Rail Service Inc. in the amount of \$3,591,533.00.

A motion was made by Board of Public Works and Safety member Schmett, seconded by Blessinger and carried to accept the construction bid (for Division B) from Cooper Rail Service, Inc. in the amount of \$3,591,533.00.

A proposed Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety Resolution (No. BOPWS No. 2024-01) to recommend to the Common Council the new rates and charges was presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Fitch and carried to adopt Resolution (BOPWS No. 2024-01) entitled:

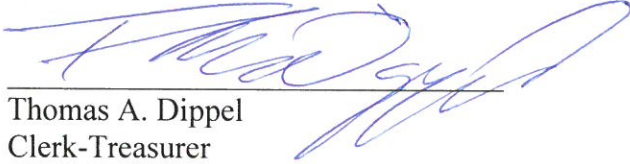
**RESOLUTION OF THE HUNTINGBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
SAFETY REGARDING WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES**

A proposed Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board Resolution (No. URAB No. 2024-01) to recommend to the Common Council the new rates and charges was presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Young and carried to adopt Resolution (URAB 2024-01) entitled:

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUNTINGBURG UTILITY RATE ADVISORY
BOARD REGARDING WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES**

The Huntingburg Board of Public Works and Safety and the Huntingburg Utility Rate Advisory Board meetings were adjourned at 7:21 P.M.



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer