

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, May 14, 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, Bolte, Bounds and McPherron were physically present. Member Wehr 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 April 23, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Whitney Lubbers, Executive Director of the Dubois County Visitors Center and Tourism Commission, presented an update of activities of the Dubois County Visitors Center and Tourism Commission reporting on economic impact of tourism, focus areas, and past and future projects and events.

Mayor Elkins announced that this is the date, time and place for a public hearing on the proposed new rates and charges for the Municipally Owned Sewage Works of the City of Huntingburg, Indiana. The Mayor called to order the public hearing on the proposed new sewage rates. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel certified that notice of the date, time and place of this public hearing was published in The Herald, posted on the City's website, and mailed by first class mail to all customers outside the city limits. The Mayor introduced Eric Parsley, representing Commonwealth Engineers; the City's engineers on the wastewater plant and system improvements project and Buzz Krohn, representing O.W. Krohn and Associates, the City's financial consultant on the project. Parsley reviewed the need and scope of the project for the public. Krohn summarized the proposed financing of the project and sewage rate increases needed to fund the project. There was Council discussion on the project. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to close the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2024-07 was previously introduced at the April 23, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bounds and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-07 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22
ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES
AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED
BY THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED SEWAGE WORKS OF
THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, AND
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2024-07 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wehr), in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2024-07 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 6:40 P.M.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented a proposed resolution for the Huntingburg Transit Department authorizing the Mayor and Transit Director to apply for and execute the annual 5311/5339 Federal grants for the City Transit Department from U.S. Department of Transportation.

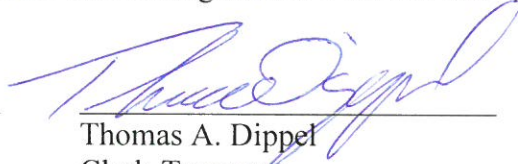
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-10 entitled:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CY2025 APPLICATION
FOR A GRANT UNDER SECTION 5311/5339 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT
ACT AS AMENDED**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bolte and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 o'clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer