

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, May 28, 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, Wehr and McPherron were physically 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 Mayor Elkins, City Attorney Schneider and Clerk-Treasurer Dippel.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

The Mayor noted that since the last meeting Phyllis Menke and George Lewallen passed away. There was pause for a moment of silence in honor of them.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Bounds and carried to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Tammy Humbert, Director, Dubois County Emergency Management, presented the Dubois County 2024 multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Council. The Mayor explained that the City of Huntingburg chose to follow the county plan rather than have a separate City plan. This action needs to be considered every 5 years. There was discussion. A proposed resolution was presented.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, ADOPTING THE 2024 DUBOIS COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Darrin Jacobs, representing Crossvine Solar 1, LLC, explained and presented a decommissioning plan agreement related to the 100 megawatt (MW) AC commercial solar energy system and energy storage system west of the Huntingburg Airport and east of the Town of Holland of which a portion is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Huntingburg. He noted 1600 acres is leased with only approximately 265 acres being planned for the solar system. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Wehr and carried to table the issue until the next Council meeting on June 11, 2024.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility report. He noted that a restricted pressure line was discovered near Ireland, so two 2 inch lines will be replaced with a 4 inch line to allow for proper gas pressure in cold weather. He requested approval to order 250 more Sensus gas meters from Groebner in the amount of \$87,750.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the purchase of 250 Sensus gas meters from Groebner in the amount of \$87,750.00.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric Utility report. He informed the Board that during battery testing they discovered the need to replace the battery charger at the Central Sub-station.

Water Superintendent Austin presented his monthly report. He informed the Board of the start of the 8th Street water main replacement. He reported that in an effort to find a night operator he has hired Doug Polly (transfer from the Street Department) to begin 3 months of training on the day shift.

Attorney Schneider informed the Council that the USDA is requiring three separate resolutions for financing of a \$21,255,000.00 portion of the Wastewater plant and improvements project at this time. He noted additional resolutions will be required once an additional \$19,500,000.00 is formally approved at the National Office.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 entitled:

“LOAN RESOLUTION”

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE HUNTINGBURG, CITY OF AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL CITY FACILITIES TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

(\$9,000,000.00)

A motion was made by Wehr, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 entitled:

“LOAN RESOLUTION”

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE HUNTINGBURG, CITY OF AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL CITY FACILITIES TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

(\$7,853,000.00)

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Bolte and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2024-14 entitled:

“LOAN RESOLUTION”

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE HUNTINGBURG, CITY OF AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS MUNICIPAL CITY FACILITIES TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.

(\$4,402,000.00)

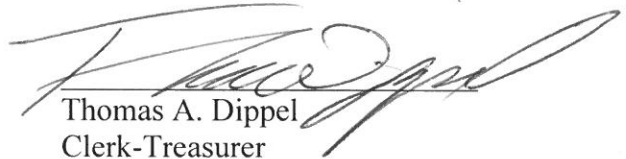
Clerk-Treasurer Dippel presented the 2025 City budget calendar for Council review. He noted the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for October 3, 2024 and the adoption meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2024. He noted meetings to go over budgets with superintendents in mid-August will need to be set.

Maleah Dearing updated the Council on the Mayor’s Youth Council’s community garden project.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 o’clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer