

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

5:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session on Tuesday, August 13, 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 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stevens.

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular meeting.

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

Mayor Elkins welcomed Mary Lou Schmitt and Janet Schnell on behalf of the Survivors of Suicide of Dubois County group. Schnell provided background information on the need and options their group provides for prevention and intervention.

The Mayor read and presented his proclamation, proclaiming September 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Month, to Schmitt. (Exhibit A)

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler informed the Council of an upcoming housing project that will need 15 transformers. Reutepohler planned to purchase the transformers over a two year period. Reutepohler solicited quotes from four suppliers, but only two responded. He presented quotes for 250 KVA single phase pad mount transformers from Brownstown Electric and Solomon. Reutepohler noted the quotes are currently limited to 15 days, with the recent lead times and price increases, he requested the Council approve the purchase of four transformers quoted from Solomon in the amount of \$12,750.00, per transformer.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the purchase of four transformers from Solomon in the amount of \$12,750.00, per transformer.

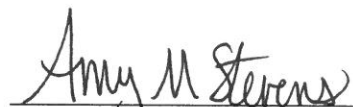
Discussion continued on giving further authority for Reutepohler to purchase up to four more transformers at a price not to exceed \$15,300.00, per transformer, as they become available. It was noted that this purchase would deviate from our current purchasing policy due to the lack of quotes being able to be received and availability of the type of transformers needed.

A motion was made by Bounds, seconded by Bolte and carried to allow Reutepohler to make an emergency purchase of four additional transformers, as they become available, at a price not to exceed \$15,300.00, per transformer.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Wehr and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 o'clock P.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Amy M. Stevens
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

City of Huntingburg



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** Suicide is a national, state, and city-wide public mental health problem that occurs among all age groups and across socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, every 10.6 minutes someone dies by suicide, and
- Whereas** in the United States, over 49,000 people die by suicide each year and 135 loss survivors are exposed to each death with 6 experiencing a forever life-changing moment, and,
- Whereas** suicide is preventable, and it is appropriate for the month of September to be set aside each year to dedicate our efforts to improve community training with all residents about suicide,

Now, Therefore, I, Neil Elkins, Mayor of City of Huntingburg, Indiana, issue this proclamation to hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as

National Suicide Prevention Month

in the City of Huntingburg, and I call upon our citizens to recognize that addressing the mental health needs in Huntingburg of seniors, adults, youth, children, and families is fundamental to having a healthy community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of Huntingburg on this 13th day of August 2024.

M. Neil Elkins

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Mayor of Huntingburg