BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting June 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 9:28 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 10, 2014, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun said there was a resolution to the Jevtic dog bite case heard last week, and he asked Mr. Finkel to take over. Mr. Finkel asked Animal Control Officer Keith Barrett to come forward. Mr. Barrett said the dog would be placed with Brent Conover, who lives at 726 W. Walser Road. He visited that location and said the back yard is totally fenced in, and Mr. Conover also has a German Shepherd. He said there is a pole barn on the property, and it has a doggie door they can go in and out. He didn't see any problem with letting the dog go to that location. Mr. Williams moved to allow sending the dog to the new location, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mayor DeBaun abstaining.

Next up was the overlay street project whose bids were opened last week. Mr. Williams moved to approve the bid of Crim & Sons bid of $96,737.02, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On the Fairland Road Extension Project whose bids were also opened last week, Mr. Finkel moved to approve the bid from HIS Constructors, and accepting the concrete option with a total of $5,794,416.95. Mr. Williams seconded. Mr. Finkel said the concrete option will be a far superior building material and last longer. Mr. Finkel said the City Engineer checked out the company and they came out with outstanding references. Mayor DeBaun said they are a local company. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said he had a request to close W. Washington St. from the Circle to Tompkins St. this coming Saturday, June 21, from 5 to 7 P.M. It will be for a ladies walk and run, and Gretchen Morgan has contacted the Police Department with the logistics. Mr. Finkel moved to close the block, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Concerning another dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun asked Carolyn Logston to come forward to talk about the situation of how this happened. She said she told the people downstairs not to come upstairs in the apartment rentals at 1325 Jefferson Avenue. When someone on the bottom floor went upstairs to see Carolyn's friend, the pitbull dog named Harley, got through the screen door and bit the neighbor's leg, where pictures showed how extensive the bites were. The neighbor apparently told Carolyn he wasn't going to press charges because he knew he wasn't supposed to go up there. Although Carolyn originally had Harley, he was given to two other people before she got him back one to two months ago. She said the owners treated Harley very badly to make him mean, so she wanted him back. She figured Harley was around three years old. She said she always had him on a leash whenever they were outside, because if she didn't, she'd never catch him. After the dog bite on June 10, she kept the dog in a cage at home, and only let him out to eat, drink, and potty, as told to do that for twenty days by the police officers. The Animal Shelter wasn't made aware of the incident until yesterday, so they picked Harley up to quarantine him at the Shelter. Mr. Finkel said he went to the Animal Shelter to see the dog and he didn't feel comfortable getting close to the dog. Although only having Harley at the Shelter for one day, Animal Shelter Director Keith Barrett said he wouldn't feel comfortable adopting the dog to someone else. Animal Shelter Officer Jim Lane said the victim wasn't here today because he had a Doctor's appointment. Mayor DeBaun said he felt there was an injustice done to the dog by being treated so badly by its previous owners, but he felt the seriousness of the bites made him think the dog wouldn't be safe around others. Fire Chief Tony Logan raised concerns about the safety of his men if they had to respond to a fire there and the dog was released back to Carolyn. Based on the severity of the bites, Mr. Finkel moved to have the dog

put down, but Mr. Williams thought some time should be given to try to find the dog another place. Mayor DeBaun moved to second Mr. Finkel's motion to put the dog down. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote to euthanize the dog.

There being no further business, Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, and Mr. Finkel seconded.

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer