BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting September 23, 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 Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 8:31 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 16, 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, concerning the dog bite incident heard last week, Mayor DeBaun said this was an interesting case. At the end of the hearing last week, Mayor DeBaun said he would have voted to have the dog put down. After visiting the dog at the Shelter, and visiting where Elizabeth Floyd lives, Mayor DeBaun said he's noticed that the demeanor of the dog has changed. The Mayor was told she had placed a shock collar on the dog, and he asked Elizabeth to come forward to explain her thinking and reasoning for doing that. She said it was an anti-bark collar, sending shock vibrations to the dog when he tries to bark. She said she had to do something, so she put it on him and it worked real fast. Mr. Finkel said he saw the dog after the shock collar was put on him, and noticed he was very subdued. He asked Keith Barrett at the Animal Shelter about the socialization of the dog, and asked if he wouldn't mind moving the dog with the other dogs, since it had been in isolation from the other dogs. Keith did that and told the Board in the prelim meeting this morning that the dog had not changed its demeanor with the other dogs, that it was still subdued. Mr. Williams asked if Elizabeth would like to have her dog back, and she said absolutely, she missed him. He then asked if she would be willing to keep the dog out of the City limits, and once again she said absolutely. Mr. Williams moved to return the dog to the owner with the understanding that the dog will not be allowed back in the City limits, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun asked Elizabeth to get with Keith Barrett to finalize what other details she might have to take care of.

Fire Chief Tony Logan said the bids opened on August 12 for a fire truck and fire apparatus were looked over extensively, and were taken under advisement. His recommendation now is to go with the Fire Apparatus & Supply Team for the fire truck. When questioned by Mr. Finkel, Tony said they will now be purchasing two Smeal fire trucks from Lincoln, Nebraska, and the reason was because there would be a substantial reduction in costs if two were ordered now. Some of the reductions included engineering fees, chassis reduction, and body reduction because they're buying two like trucks at the same time. In looking at the years of service on the fire trucks, their mileage, and hours, Tony approached the Mayor, Council members, and Greg Guerrettaz, and they approved the funding for two fire trucks. By doing this, Tony said it will bring the Department up to a good serviceable level, and it will help reduce the current maintenance costs on the trucks. Mr. Finkel said the Fire Department has a fleet of five trucks, with two having over 250,000 equivalent miles based on hours, so he didn't have a problem with proceeding. However, when figuring out when a truck needs to be replaced, it's something that needs to be considered in the future. Mr. Williams said he didn't like seeing fire trucks following ambulance runs, and he'd like that to be looked at in the future, but he did favor replacing the two trucks. Mr. Finkel moved to approve Chief Logan's request for two fire trucks, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Brandy Coomes, Executive Director of Mainstreet Shelbyville, on behalf of First Friday Shelbyville, requested permission on October 3 to close E. Washington St. at 5:00 P.M. to Pike Street, just like last month. If necessary, she asked to close the free parking lot next to Sharp's Trophies by Mack, and the east side of the Public Square. She said the alley will remain open to the bank until 6:00 P.M., and then the entire block will be closed. Brandy said she didn't receive any complaints, at least to their faces, and they did receive compliments, so the parents felt safe meandering with kids around the closed off block last month. Concerning problems in the past with parked cars having to be moved just before the First Friday events, Mr. Finkel suggested putting flyers under windshield wipers the day before the event asking them not to park here, but park elsewhere and come back to enjoy the events. Brandy thought that was a good idea and a cheap, easy way to get the word out. Mr. Williams said he had a couple

compliments last month from merchants, saying they were very happy with the way it went. On November 1, Brandy wanted the public to know there will be a Community Mural Painting at 9:00 A.M., at 18 N. Harrison Street. The painting can be done by people of all ages, who will paint by a number system, and it will continue until completion. Mayor DeBaun said Garfield Park did the same thing late last year, and Brandy agreed. Mr. Williams moved to approve the October 3 request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On September 9, Deputy Plan Commission Director Michele Hansard sent out a demolition order for four homes at Hilltop Village. Located at 596 Chestnut Street, she said the lots were 4, 49, 50B, and 53. She said notices were sent to the Mobile Home Park owner in Riverside, California, and anyone she could find of record who was responsible for the mobile home. As of yesterday, Michele said lots 49, 50B, and 53 were torn down, and there's still some debris at the locations, but they're in the process of cleaning up the sites. At lot 4, renters have started making repairs, and last Thursday, items still needing to be fixed were given to them by City officials and the manager of the Mobile Home Park. Michele felt comfortable in giving them an additional 30 days to make the necessary modifications. Rick Hasecuster, manager of the Park, said he understood he needed to continue cleaning up the lots of 49, 50B, and 53, removing the debris, and because he's the owner, the City will extend through October 9 for lot 4 repairs to be made. Rick said he was willing to do all of the things needed to clean up and repair the four lots. Rick said he and the owners of the mobile home at lot 4 have a list of what's needed to be done, and they also will work to finish the repairs. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the recommendation by the Planning Department to affirm the order on lots 49, 50B, and 53, and amend the order concerning lot 4 to extend the deadline to November 9. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Brad Fix said he was invited to be a guest speaker at the Water Environment Federation Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference next week, and he's going to talk about our O and M program. He said it's the world's largest water conference, and to be invited to be a speaker says a lot for Shelbyville, and its program. The Conference will be in New Orleans, and he will speak next Monday. In Chicago last year, Brad said 18,000 people attended the Conference. The Board congratulated him.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer