BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting November 12, 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 Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 8:36 A.M. Mr. Williams was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 3, 2014, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun asked Ann Warble Nienow and Lisa Carpenter to come forward to read and present them with a Proclamation. Mayor DeBaun proclaimed Saturday, November 15, 2014 as America Recycles Day in the City of Shelbyville. Having been gone a while from Shelbyville, Ann said she has been working as the Education Coordinator for the Solid Waste Management District since June of this year. She said she's reached over 1,700 students and 200 adults in education programs, to help promote recycling, since August.

Concerning another dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun gave the audience information on how the case would be conducted, and then he asked Animal Control Officer Jim Lane to come forward to say what brought everyone here today. Mr. Lane said he was called to the Cimarron Apartments on November 7 to meet with the boy and his Mother about being bitten by a dog on his left hand, while walking his dog. He got their information, then he went to the owners of the biting dog, and took their dog to the Animal Shelter for a ten day quarantine. Mr. Lane felt the dog at the Shelter was very docile, while the other dog seemed to be a little more aggressive. Elly Bowling, the Mother of the boy that was bitten, told everyone what her son said happened, but she didn't want anything to happen to the dog that bit her son. She then said she would like the other family to take care of the expenses incurred, and she said she has never received an apology from the other family. Stephanie Rickly stepped up next, saying she was going to take her dog, Baily, out for a walk, and when she opened the door, the leash wasn't where it usually was. So Baily ran off when seeing the other dog and the boy. Mrs. Rickly said she didn't know that the boy was bitten by her dog until later, although she knew the boy was crying at the scene. She said she has a card to give the boy, and she has two children, ages 11 and 15. Mayor DeBaun said he talked with Jenny Roach, the Manager at Cimarron Apts., and he found out her office window faces the Rickly's apartment. He said she sees the dog Baily out a lot , and was surprised the incident happened. Mr. Finkel went to the Animal Shelter to see Baily, and said the dog was the most docile animal he had ever seen. Mrs. Rickly apologized to the Bowling's, and said they will take care of the Bowling's medical and vet bills. Mr. Finkel said he was glad to hear that. Mayor DeBaun said he did not believe this was a vicious or aggressive animal, so he moved that the dog be released to the Rickly's after the quarantine period is over, and that the fees be paid during the quarantine stay. The two families will have to get together to determine how to compensate the Bowling's for the expenses incurred. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to congratulate Paul Gable, the editor of the Shelbyville News, and his wife on the birth of their son yesterday at 2:00 P.M., Christian Theodore Gable.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zern
Clerk-Treasurer