BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting June 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 8:30 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 9, 2015, 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 discussion, Mr. Finkel wanted to thank the Clerk-Treasurer's Office for streamlining the process of signing the claims vouchers.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun told Ken Meal that he has taken the time to look at his and Angela Pogue's facilities, and he had some questions. He found out the cat was attacked in her front yard, and he said a Police Report was made on January 29, 2014, where Animal Control Officer Jim Lane came and told him that the chain he got should not be able to reach Angela's yard. Mr. Finkel visited the dog and said it appeared to be friendly. However, he felt that if the dog is to survive, it must be restrained, with no ifs, ands, or buts about it. He said Animal Control will have to see that that's been done properly. Mr. Williams felt it was very important that the dog be put on a leash before it's taken outside to be chained on the porch. He said he won't tolerate another report of the dog darting out of the house again. Although it's clear the neighbors don't get along, Mayor DeBaun said some effort should be made to get along as civilized adults. Mayor DeBaun said it would be his recommendation that the dog would be released only after the ticket is paid for running at large, the impound fees are paid, and the Animal Shelter reviews any containment, either a chain or a kennel Mr. Meal is going to provide to make sure it's sufficient. Mr. Finkel wanted to amend the Mayor's comments by including the immunizations of the dog, if it's necessary. With that being said, Mr. Finkel moved to approve the motion, and Mr. Williams seconded. Under discussion, Animal Control Director Keith Barrett said he would check the chain before the dog is released so it can't get into Angela Pogue's yard. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said the Parks Department had a request from Shelby Shifters to place signs, advertising their event, from July 9 to July 19, at the traditional locations. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Michele Hansard, Deputy Plan Commissioner, said Real America is here today to ask for a variance to redevelop a downtown City lot, where they plan to raze a few buildings, and build a three or four story building that will have apartments and a daycare school on the first floor. According to City standards, Real America is supposed to be providing 111 parking spots, but their current site plan only provides for 42 off-street parking spots. Under the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Michele said there is a provision that a parking lot requirement can be waived by the Board of Works if it demonstrates adequate parking is provided on the City owned public parking lots, within 1,320 feet from the lot. Michele said she provided to the Board in the Prelim meeting, three public parking lots which were shown to be within that distance on the map. Jeff Ryan, from Real America, said the apartments will be for low to moderate income seniors, and he only expects there to be 20 cars driven by the seniors, while other cars could park for first floor needs. Mr. Finkel said he would be abstaining on this vote. Mayor DeBaun said he looked at a couple locations, such as Pearson Place and Hendricks Pointe Apartments, and said there were open parking spaces in both of those locations. Jeff said the average age for someone living in the new apartments would be a 70 year old male, someone who can't take care of their home anymore, and it's likely they'll have friends or someone who can share a car. Mr. Williams moved to approve the 42 parking spaces, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mr. Finkel abstaining.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer