BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting September 8, 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, September 8, 2015, at 8:30 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 1, 2015, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mr. Williams abstaining.

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, Plan Commission Director Dann Bird gave an update on the tree falling on the house at 324 W. Mechanic St. Dann said nothing has been done on removing the tree or upgrading the house since the storm back in July. He asked that the order be confirmed and the owner be fined $150.00, plus costs of whatever action is taken. No one was present to talk about the home at 324 W. Mechanic St. Mr. Williams moved to affirm the order by Mr. Bird, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner had a letter of resignation from Alex Johns, who has been with the Police Department since March, 2015. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the resignation, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Water Resource Recovery Facility Superintendent Brad Fix asked the Board's approval of the Operation and Maintenance manual for the levee that is around the WRRF. Mr. Williams moved to approve the O & M manual, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun asked Kerry Ann May to come forward to give a brief report on the pilot program for trapping, neutering, and releasing cats. She said four cats have gone through the program in August, where three have been released, and the other had kittens while in their possession, so it will be set up under an adoption program. She said she's picking up four more cats from the Animal Shelter this Thursday, and no one has called to complain about what they're doing. Mr. Williams said he appreciates the work they're doing.

Mr. Finkel said the Historical Society has a Pioneer Craft Fair coming up later this month, and they would like permission to place yard signs around town. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mr. Finkel abstaining.

Mayor DeBaun reminded everyone about the Mayor's Inaugural 5K walk this Saturday at the Intelliplex Park with the Aktion Club and the ARC.

Concerning today's dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun reminded everyone about the rules of how the dog bite case would be heard, and he wanted everyone to be honest, truthful, and respectful of what's being said at the hearing. He said it's possible there will not be a decision made today. Every person who spoke today, except one, currently lives at 1031 Highpointe Blvd., where the incident occurred. Kadejah Barrow spoke first, who is the mother of her daughter who was bitten by the dog, Marshmallow, a boxer. Her daughter, Jaelynn, one year old, was bitten by the dog in the kitchen, and required a couple stitches at the hospital. When Kadejah saw Jaelynn being bitten, she kicked and hit the dog until it let go. She said she lives with her high school friend, Whitney, at the home, but she said she's moving out September 17. Whitney Gilbert and her mother, Angela Gilbert, both spoke about the dog, saying it's not mean or vicious, but if it's touched in the wrong areas, it could snap at a little child. Angela said the dog weighs 95 to 100 pounds. Brittany Fowler, a friend of Whitney's, said it wouldn't be fair to put the dog down. Mr. Finkel said he wants to visit the dog at the Animal Shelter before making a decision. Rick Johnson, an Animal Shelter employee, said Marshmallow is sweet and lets him pet the dog. He said the dog doesn't bark like others do and he felt the dog could go back to its home. Mr.

Finkel moved to continue this until next Tuesday's Board of Works meeting, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer