BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting September 15, 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 15, 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 September 8, 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 old business, Mayor DeBaun talked about the dog bite case heard last week, saying some Board members have gone more than once to visit the dog, Marshmallow, at the Animal Shelter. He felt the dog wasn't vicious. Mr. Finkel said he visited the dog twice, and he agreed with the Mayor's assessment. Mr. Finkel said the dog has been in that home, with the Gilbert family for the last four years, and this was the first problem the Board has had to deal with it. Mr. Williams said his experience when visiting the dog wasn't that great. He said the dog nipped at him, and he was glad he was on the other side of the fence. He said he wouldn't have any objection to the dog going back home, but if he votes to allow that, then he wants the stipulation that whenever strangers or unknown children are there, the dog must be put somewhere where the dog can't get to those people. He said he won't tolerate a repeat offense by the dog, and if it happens again, he won't vote to have it released. He wanted to make sure the family understood his position because none of the Gilbert family was at today's meeting. Mayor DeBaun wanted Animal Control Officer Richard Johnson to convey that message to the Gilbert family. Mr. Finkel moved to return the dog to its home with the following stipulations: that the dog is not released until Kadejah Barrow and her daughter leave the home on September 17; that if there are any strangers in the home, the dog must be segregated; if there is a repeat offense, the dog will not have the leniency of the Board; any fees associated with this will be paid. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote, and Mayor DeBaun asked Richard to convey all of these stipulations to Mrs. Gilbert.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said he had a request from Indiana American Water to adopt a median at State Road 9 and the railroad tracks. The plan is to de-weed the shrubbery and plant some vegetation. Mayor DeBaun said he appreciated their stepping up and taking on the task. Mr. Williams moved to allow the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Police Chief Mark Weidner had a request to approve an SOP regarding lateral transfers. He said this is a one-time program to go outside the SOP and recruit from other agencies or pre-certified officers. He said it's an effort to fast-track some hires because of attrition lately. Mr. Finkel said this is a clear certification process where the SOP works, where there is transparency and oversight on all those things. He wished the Chief and Department luck with their efforts on this. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Fire Chief Tony Logan requested permission to hire Nathan Hensley, who has his firefighter's one and two. He's successfully passed their hiring process and the State's pension requirements. He's a Waldron resident currently, and they're looking forward to getting him in replacing Adam Gaudin. Adam left recently to join the Indianapolis Fire Department. Mr. Finkel said he'd like the Chief to bring him in to be introduced to the Board. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

City Attorney Trent Meltzer said that under the original equine center agreement between the City, the County, and Purdue, the City and County collectively contributed $2,300,000.00 for the project that was placed in an escrow account. Today, there is only $391,000.00 of that left and their escrow agent has informed them they would no longer act as their escrow agent. Trent said Purdue would like the Board to waive the escrow requirements so they could hold the money until it's spent, which should be real soon. He said the County Commissioners approved this last week. Mr. Finkel moved to waive the escrow requirement, and transfer the authority to the

Mayor to sign on their behalf for the remaining balance. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Speaking on behalf of Molly Robbins, Plan Commission Director Dann Bird requested permission to place yard signs at eight locations around the City for the Barktoberfest event, to be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 3. He said the signs would not interfere with traffic visibility. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Concerning the new dog bite case today, Mayor DeBaun asked Courtney Crane to come forward to give her side of the story. She said she was walking her son in a stroller to go to the park, when a dog came out and nipped her foot at 622 Main Street. She said she was only there today because she wondered what would have happened if it was a child instead of her. Bruce Thomas, the owner of the dog, said what Courtney said was correct, saying she wasn't doing anything to upset the dog. He said the dog went out, nipped at her, and was back on the porch in about four seconds. In the twelve years he's owned the dog; it's never done anything like this before. He said the dog is current on its shots. Mr. Finkel said he visited the dog and said it's a very docile dog. Mr. Williams visited the dog as well, saying it's docile, but he wanted Mr. Thomas to know that since this has happened, the dog will have to be tethered before going outdoors, and the Board hopes to not see him there again because of the dog biting someone else. Mr. Finkel moved to return the dog to Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Martin Zinser came forward saying he didn't think enough has been done on the Ranochak property that he and others complained about a few weeks ago. Mayor DeBaun asked Dann Bird to go out with Troy Merrick, and take the regulations for the sight triangle, and make sure that they apply to the southeast corner, at the point of intersection of Mr. Ranochak's property, and Mr. Zinser's parking lot. He wanted to make sure those standards are being met, and report back to the Board next week.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer