BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting October 5, 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 Monday, October 5, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 29, 2015, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mayor DeBaun abstaining.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Steve Kirk, a representative from Freddie Mac, was present to talk about the home at 324 W. Mechanic St. Mr. Kirk said Freddie Mac received this property through a Sherriff's sale in June, 2015, and he was assigned the property from them as a representative of a local real estate broker. CMS real estate is who he represents, and he was assigned the property from them on September 1. He described the situation saying the property has been cleaned up, the tree has been removed, and a tarp has been put on the roof to make a safe entry. He knows the order is to repair or demolish the house by October 27, but his client would like to sell the property as is, so that's why he's here tonight to see what the Board wants to do. He wants to get back with his client in Dallas, to let them know the decision on how to proceed. Based on the condition of the home, Mr. Kirk recommended trying to sell the home as is to a possible investor who wants to fix it up. He said it's a three or four bedroom home in a good location, but it's probably going to cost $20,000.00 to repair the roof and the back of the home where the tree fell. His recommendation is to sell the property for $9,900.00 to an investor, and hopefully sell it in the next 30 to 60 days. He said his client wants to have an attractive property and be a good neighbor, so it's hoped after a sale; the closing can be within two to three weeks after getting a contract. Mayor DeBaun asked what the process would be if this would or could be put on the blight elimination program. Building and Plan Commission Director Dann Bird said there would have to be a request for a waiver to have this home included in the program, there would have to be a public hearing, and advertise for thirty days, getting approval from the Indiana Department of Housing and Community Development. Dann said Mr. Kirk can continue trying to sell the home while Dann looks into the Blight Elimination Program if necessary. It would take around 45 to 60 days, according to Dann. Mr. Williams moved to pursue both courses of action to continue until December 1, because by then, everyone should know where this is headed. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said permission was asked to allow the closing of the interior of the Public Square for a Route for the Brave 5 Mile Walk on October 18. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said he received a request today from Darrell Riggs and his wife, Liz, stating they are opening a new business on the corner of Van Ave. and Pike St. They are having an open house this Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., and they are asking permission to close the first section of Pike St. to hold their event. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to remind everyone that this is Fire Prevention Week, and an open house will be held at Fire Station 1, from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., this Saturday, October 10. Mayor DeBaun said it's an opportunity where the kids will have a lot of activities and they'll have lots of fun. He said it will also be Dyan Current's last Fire Prevention Safety event.

As a group, Mayor DeBaun said the Board has determined it will no longer have any night meetings on the first Monday of each month. Mr. Finkel has calculated the Board has had 196 meetings in four years, and not one citizen has ever requested to meet in the evening. By doing this, the City will not have to pay comp time or overtime to Department Heads. All meetings will now be held on Tuesday morning, unless there's a request to have a night meeting, or a special meeting, which then would be held on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to let everyone know there's a movie coming to the Strand Theatre this Sunday, October 11, titled "Mr. Roberts." On Saturday, Mr. Finkel said Al Cobine's Big Band will be performing.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer