BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting May 10, 2016

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 Tuesday, May 10, 2016 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 May 4, 2016, 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, the bid for the 2016 Overlay Project was awarded to O'Mara Construction at a cost of $179,944.25. Mr. Finkel moved to approve and Mr. Williams seconded. This was approved with a vote of 3-0.

Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner appeared asking for approval to change the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) Number 18 description to read FTO (Field Training Officer) and SOP Number 38 to remove the rank of Corporal. Mr. Finkel commented that it is important to have these Standard Operating Procedures in place so that everyone knows what is required of them and it makes them more efficient. Mr. Williams moved to approve the change and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried with a 3-0 voice vote.

Next, there were two dog bite cases. The first case was regarding the dog belonging to Bethany Kirby. Bentley is a one year old German Shepard mix. Bethany was babysitting Dixie Proctor, who was playing and petting Bentley. Bentley barked and grabbed Dixie's face knocking her down. Mr. Finkel asked if there was a back yard on their premises on Anderson Street. He also asked if the dog was an indoor or outdoor dog and how often he was in the cage in the home. Ms. Kirby responded that there was a fenced in backyard. The dog is an indoor dog and is in the cage when needed. Next appeared, Dixie and Mary Proctor (Dixie's mother). Mayor DeBaun asked Mary if she was leary of having Dixie around Bentley now. She responded that she was not. Mr. Williams asked if her doctor bills were covered by insurance. She said they were. Mr. Finkel asked if the dog was immunized. Ms. Kirby responded that the dog was not immunized. Mr. Williams made a motion to return Bentley to his owner pending immunization and paying quarantine fees and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

The second dog bite case was regarding the dog belonging to Garnett Sturgill. Rex is a hyper and anxious Pit Bull that has an issue with Duke, another dog living in the home. Cynthia Crawley, also living in the home was taking Rex outside. Rex got away from Cynthia and went after Duke. She was trying to separate the dogs and Rex bit her while she was putting on his leash. Ms. Crawley had to have surgery to clean the infection out of the wound. A third woman appeared, Dora Lee Burkhart, stating that she just wanted to say that she did not want to see Rex put down and wants to visit him at the shelter. Mayor DeBaun asked if there were any questions. Mr. Finkel asked if the dog was immunized. Ms. Sturgill said the dog was immunized in Virginia but not since being brought to Shelbyville. Mr. Williams asked Ms. Crawley if she had insurance for her injuries. Her response was yes. Mayor DeBaun asked, Keith Barrett, Director of the Animal Shelter, if he felt the dog was adoptable. He responded that he felt he was. Mr. Finkel made the recommendation that the owner relinquish the dog to the shelter to be assessed and kept at the shelter until adoption and Ms. Sturgill will be responsible for the adoption fees. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank everyone for coming out to the meeting regarding the Downtown Development Plan on Thursday. He heard good comments about the vision and the necessity for it.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Ogden
First Deputy Clerk-Treasurer