BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting May 24, 2016

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, May 24, 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 17, 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.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said Police Chief Mark Weidner asked permission to step outside their standard operating procedure for hiring to allow the advertising for lateral hires. Chief Weidner said he had two people lined up to fill vacancies, but he's going to have to send them to the Academy, and it's going to be a time factor. He doesn't have any other anticipated vacancies, but he wants to build a list in case it should happen, because he has quite a few people who are eligible to make that decision any time. Mr. Finkel talked about needing to update the SOP so this doesn't happen in the future. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Street Commissioner Jennifer Jones wanted to remind everyone that Hendricks St. would be closed from Miller St. to 448 W. Hendricks St., for three to four weeks, for reconstruction. During that time, she said residents are to put their trash out front of their homes. Also, there will be no trash pickup on Monday because of Memorial Day. Monday's trash will be picked up with Tuesday's trash collection.

In a new dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun asked Chris O'Connor to come forward to talk about the recent incidents occurring with his dog, Bud, a two year old sheep dog mix. Chris said he lives at 616 Shelby Street. He said his dog is very good, but when it comes to mail carriers, he gets all worked up. To try to help the situation, he has enlisted his dog with an obedience trainer. Bud has bitten two mail carriers in the last month, and both female carriers were present to tell of their situation. Their postal supervisor, Julie Small, said their policy is not to deliver mail if a dog is in the yard. Chris said he has gotten a post office box to get his mail, so it won't be delivered anymore to his home. While Bud is at the Animal Shelter during the quarantine period, Chris asked if it might be okay to bring him home before the quarantine period ends. He has purchased a muzzle to put on him when he's put on a leash for walking. Mr. Finkel felt it was important that the Board members have a chance to visit the dog at the Animal Shelter to see its demeanor before making any decision to have it released back to the owner, and he wanted to visit the home on Shelby Street. Mr. Williams moved to approve viewing the animal before or if it's released back to the owner this week, and continue the hearing at next Tuesday's Board meeting. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun said the mail carriers were not required to return next week, and Animal Shelter Coordinator Keith Barrett would keep them posted on what's decided.

Mr. Finkel said this is Graduation Week at Shelbyville, and he wanted to extend his congratulations to all of the 2016 graduates.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:
Frank Zerr
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Clerk-Treasurer