BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting July 19, 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, July 19, 2016, at 8:35 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 12, 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, Mayor DeBaun said there was a request for issuance of subpoenas by the City Attorney in the disciplinary matter of Bryan Cole. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Secondarily, Mayor DeBaun said the City Attorney has asked to set a deadline for submitting exhibits. He would also like to have a pre-trial conference in executive session, on July 26, at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the requests, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner asked permission to change SOP numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said there was a request for bids to be opened today for work to be done on the water tower, located at Fire Station #3, 1350 W. McKay Rd. The only bid received was from Indiana American Water Company. Mr. Williams moved to take the bid under advisement, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried to take this under advisement by a 3-0 voice vote.

Khalilah Palmer, School Director for the Excel Center, asked permission to have a Block Party on the east half the Public Square on Saturday, August 13, from 3 to 5 P.M. This school will be located on the first floor of the building under construction at 111 N. Harrison St. The goal is to raise community awareness of the Excel Center, help meet enrollment goals, and to have fun by offering events for children and adults, including free food on the Circle. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On a new dog bite case, Officer Matt Terkhorn was asked to come forward to talk about his involvement in answering a call where an individual was bitten by a German Shepard on July 9, 2016. The location was in the unit block of E. Locust Street, around 9:30 A.M. After getting information from Kevin Hendley, the first victim, he approached the house where the dog stayed, at 38 E. Locust Street. When the officer was on the sidewalk, the dog approached him quickly, and bit him on his left knee, causing a slight abrasion. When he attempted to go to the house, the dog tried attacking him again, and Officer Terkhorn tasered the dog, stopping its charge. Mr. Hendley was given a notice to appear today, but he didn't attend the hearing. The owner of the dog didn't come outside until after the dog was tasered. Owner Carrie Corbin said she wasn't aware both people had been bitten until the dog was tasered by the officer. She said the dog had never bitten anyone before, they've had her for six years, and she is a good dog. She said the dog normally was in the fenced back yard, in the house, or on a leash, but the fence was broken by a neighbor when cutting trees and the dog could get out. The owners planned to repair the fence the day following the incidents. Animal Control Officer Keith Barrett was asked to give the demeanor of the dog. Keith said the dog still barks at the employees at the Shelter, and he didn't feel the dog could be adoptable if it was left there. He said the dog's okay when family visits. Mr. Finkel said the dog lunged at him up to the fence this morning when he visited the Shelter, which wouldn't have been good. He said he would like to see the fence in the back yard. When asked about the disposition of the dog, Officer Turkhorn didn't feel the dog should be put down. Mr. Finkel moved to take this under advisement for another week so members could see the fence, and visit the dog while it remains at the Shelter. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried to table this for another week 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