BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting July 26, 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 26, 2016, at 8:49 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 19, 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, Plan Commission Director Dann Bird said a notice had been sent, to 235 W. Locust St. and 20 Colescott St., to stop work on their properties. No one from either property showed up for their hearing. Mayor DeBaun said neither owner complied with current standards, nor did they have permits, and the order sent to them was to remediate or remove by today. Mr. Finkel moved to remove the garage at 235 W. Locust St., because it is deficient in all ways. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. On 20 Colescott Street, Dann said they did work without a permit to begin with, and this has been going on since December of last year. Dann recommended that the front porch structure be removed. Mr. Williams moved to remove the structure, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Dann said Barbara McNeely was here dealing with the signs for the Pioneer Fair. Mayor DeBaun asked Barbara to work with Dann to identify those locations.

On the dog bite case from last week, Mayor DeBaun said he visited the dog at the Animal Shelter, and it didn't show any signs of aggression. In his mind, he said it comes down to the owners ability to contain the dog in their yard. Mayor DeBaun said the Board has some concerns about the fence, hoping what's been done are temporary repairs, and that the goal is to put up a more permanent fence. The Mayor said his recommendation is that until a fence is built, the dog could return home, but it must be kept in the home, on a leash, or on a lead in the yard. Mr. Finkel made a motion to release the dog with the following stipulations: the fence must be repaired or replaced, it must be constructed in a workmanlike manner out of standard fence material, and it will be subject to the inspection of the Building Department for approval of the Board's intent within ninety days. Number 2, before the fence is ready, the dog must be chained or cabled when outside or unaccompanied. Number 3, the dog must be brought current on its shots, as they had recently expired. Number 4, the owners must pay for any costs associated with the dog. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun asked Animal Control Director Keith Barrett to work with the owners to get where they need to be.

Under new business, Mainstreet Director Brandy Coomes, on behalf of the First Friday event happening August 5, asked permission to close the west half of the Circle for activities for the Arts month. There will be artisans, and space is needed for them to spread out, and have enough room to let the public interact with them. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mr. Finkel said Chris Gattis passed away, and he served on the Plan Commission for many years. He lived in Huntsville, Alabama, after his transfer there. The Board gave their condolences to the family and friends.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr, Clerk-Treasurer