BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting September 20, 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, September 20, 2016, at 8:29 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on September 14, 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 asked Carl Bond to come forward to talk about a dog bite case. He lives at 1303 Beverly Street, and his dog has been at the Animal Shelter for a while, since he didn't appear last week for his hearing. Because of his age, questions were asked of Mr. Bond if he could physically care for his three animals, could he provide shots for his quarantined dog, and could he pay the fines and fees for his dog at the Animal Shelter. He said yes to all of the questions. Mr. Finkel moved to release the dog with the following provisions: within one week of the dog's release, evidence has to be made that the dog has been immunized, and if it hasn't, the dog has to be returned to the Shelter; and all fines and fees must be paid upon release of the dog. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun asked Mr. Bond to work with the Animal Shelter staff, and he said he would.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said the annual fall trash clean-up will be held for one week, from October 3 thru October 7, on their regular trash day. He said the 500 block of W. Hendricks Street will be closed starting today for reconstruction. Mayor DeBaun also said there was a request to put a stop sign at the intersection of Union Street and W. Jackson Street. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Barbara Rogers, representing First Friday today, requested permission to close E. Washington Street from the Public Square to Pike Street for their October 7 First Friday event. The drive thru at First Merchants Bank will be kept open from 4:00 P.M. until it closes, and she would like to close the east half of the Circle at 4:00 P.M. for their Halloween-themed activities. Mr. Williams moved to approve, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Scott Fuchs, owner of Capone's Speekeasy, asked permission to place two park benches in front of his bay windows at his business at 1 Public Square. With his request to use the same type bench that's already on the Circle, Mayor DeBaun suggested he check with J & L Tool & Machine, who made them several years ago. Mr. Finkel wanted Scott to be sure the benches were not within eight feet of his front door because of possible smoking. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

The second dog bite case was last on the agenda. Mayor DeBaun asked James Evans, 117 Elliott Street, to come forward and tell his side of what happened. He said he didn't know anything had happened until an Animal Control Officer knocked on his door saying his dog bit someone. His kids went out the front door, instead of the back door, and didn't latch the front door. That's how the dog got out. He has four animals and three children, and he's not had any trouble with any of the animals in the past. April Evans, his wife, said the wood in front of the rented house is dry rotted, and on October 7, they're getting a brand new door and new windows, so it will be fixed. The bite victim, Amy Berthouex, gave her account of events. She said she was riding her bike along River Road, around Sunset Park, when she felt something like a bite, saw the dog, started screaming, and the dog ran away. She said it happened very quickly. At first, she thought the dog brushed against her, but then she saw the blood on her ankle. When she went to her home, she called Animal Control. They told her she needed to go to Priority Care, and she was given a tetanus shot and antibiotics. Although she didn't want anything to happen to the dog, she wanted to make sure the dog got its rabies shot and that it was returned to its family. The Board wanted the Evans family to understand the dog is their responsibility, to make sure they can't let it happen again, and make sure their animals are vaccinated. Mr. Finkel made a

motion to release the dog to the owner, pending vaccination of the dog within one week, as well as pay all fines and fees. In addition, the owners need to make sure they have all of the animals in their house vaccinated and current on their shots. Since the new door won't be installed until October 7, Mr. Finkel said the owners are to make sure the dog is secured inside until that time, and then in the week of October 10, Animal Control is to inspect the house to make sure the repairs were made and the front door was secure. The Board made it clear there might not be a second chance if something happens again, and the family said they would make sure the dog didn't get out. Mr. Williams finally seconded. The motion was carried 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