

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2012

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, December 18, 2012, at 8:42 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, December 3, 2012, 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, City Engineer Rodger Keller said he had the final draft of the City's ADA Transition Plan, which he'd like to present to the Board for their approval. He said he has updated it and included the minutes from the public hearing of the previous Board meeting, as well as notes from meetings with community groups who are engaged with concerned citizens, such as the School District and Senior Services. He said this is a huge file, but once it's wrapped up, he'll have everything posted on the City's website under engineering. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the ADA Transition Plan, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun told Rodger he knew this project took several months to complete, and he appreciated his work as well as the Interns help this past summer.

Concerning the gasoline and fuel bids for the City of Shelbyville for 2013, Mayor DeBaun said he and Fire Chief Tony Logan had reviewed the bids comparing United Energy and Speedway on prices. Mr. Williams moved to award the fuel bid to United Energy, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun thanked Tony again for his work.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said there was a dog complaint being brought to the Board and he asked if there were representatives from the Slusser and McDonald families present, and they were. Giving a brief synopsis, Mayor DeBaun said the Slusser's dog went under their fence and attacked the McDonald's puppy next door, killing it. Afterwards, he said the Slusser's offered to make restitution to the McDonald's, and the McDonald's said yes they did. Mayor DeBaun had questions for Animal Control Officer Jim Lane. Now that the dog is in quarantine, he told the Board that the dog's demeanor is quiet, reserved, and causing no problem to the staff. Although the dog was tethered on a leash, it still went under the fence to get the neighbor's dog, and Officer Lane said he's not received other complaints about the dog in the past. Roger Slusser said he was temporarily living with his sister at 604 W. Washington St., and he had his dog tethered to the basketball pole. Prior to the incident on December 12, he noticed his dog was under the fence in the neighbor's yard, so he called his dog back, and he shortened the chain. He said he's not had any problems with his dog that he's had for twelve years, and he's been a very loving dog. If the dog would be released back to him, Mr. Slusser said he'd have him on a much shorter chain, and have him inside a dog kennel. Joe Hansford appeared and spoke for Kelly McDonald, who was also present. Joe said the Slusser's dog had gotten under the fence earlier than the incident, and he had to separate a different dog, but he didn't report the incident because he didn't know if they were playing or not. He said the Slusser's dog was under the fence quite a lot and he took pictures to show Officer Lane. Joe said he gave a list of expenses for their dog that was killed to Officer Lane, totaling around \$300.00, and the Slusser's have paid around \$100.00 so far. Joe said he would work with the Slusser's on restitution for the difference in a timely manner. When Mayor DeBaun asked Joe if he had a recommendation that would be acceptable, he said he would like to see the dog put down. Besides having a little one year old son and a nine year old, he says the dog growls and snarls at people who walk through their back yard, and it's been in the driveway loose growling at him, even though he's never done anything to him. Mr. Slusser didn't know how much longer he would be living with his sister at that location. Mr. Finkel said he would like to take a look at the fence, and Mayor DeBaun said he would like to see it as well. Since the 10 day quarantine ends before the next Board meeting, Mayor DeBaun said he'd like the quarantine extended until December 26. Mr. Finkel moved to take this under advisement until the next meeting, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote to take this under advisement.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer