

SHELBYVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

Regular Meeting

June 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Public Utility Board of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 5:32 P.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting May 27, 2014, and Mr. Williams seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun said Public Utilities Manager Beth Corley had presented a Water Service Termination Agreement between Indiana American Water and the City of Shelbyville last week. Mayor DeBaun said the Board has had time to review this, they've made comments to City Attorney Meltzer, and he has addressed those. Mr. Williams moved to approve the agreement as presented, and Mr. Finkel seconded. Under discussion, Mr. Finkel said this agreement is not instantaneous. He said there is a 60 day process after a letter of termination is sent, there is a 20 day period in which to pay after those 60 days, and then there also is a 10 day appeal opportunity that can be brought before the Board. Because this is a 90 day period, Mr. Finkel said this is something that is not immediate, but is a first step of the necessary process. Mayor DeBaun agreed saying 90 days should be ample time to contact the Utility Office to let them know if there's some extenuating circumstance that would prohibit them for shutting off their water. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Brad Fix spoke on behalf of Utility Manager Beth Corley because she was still in Chicago. Brad said Mr. Yarling turned water on property at 320 Sunset Drive several months ago, but no water was actually used during that time. Brad said, according to Beth, that Mr. Yarling is asking to be refunded for the February and March bills. Michael Yarling came forward and said he lives at 1217 Culbertson Road. He passed copies out of water and utility bills to the Board. At the time, Mr. Yarling was trying to buy the house on Sunset Drive starting in December, and he got permission from the owner to turn the water on because he wanted to make sure the water pipes wouldn't freeze during the cold winter before he bought it. Mr. Yarling said the deal fell through, but he started receiving utility bills even though no water was turned on and no service was used. He said he has paid \$122.73 in sewer bills for four months, and he's requesting to be refunded that amount or have it applied to other rentals he has here in the City. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun noted that Mr. Yarling paid the water company's bills even though no water was used, and he said he thought the situation would be resolved sooner than it was. He said he was working with his realtor and a bank from California, but he cancelled out on the bank because they were taking too long on paperwork. Mayor DeBaun said he would like to do further investigation, so no decision would be made on this tonight. Mayor DeBaun said Mr. Yarling could come back next week for further discussion on this, and he said someone will contact him about the next meeting time. Mr. Williams told Mr. Yarling the next meeting would be Tuesday, June 10, at 8:30 A.M.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer