

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2017

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, May 9, 2017, at 8:30 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 2, 2017, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mr. Williams abstaining.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun invited Sue Williams to come forward to read a proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Sue said she appreciates the support from the Mayor, the City, and the County to keep the public aware of motorcycles that are out there.


Rachael Ackley, Executive Director of Shelby County Tourism, said the Taste of Shelby County will be coming up on Friday, June 2. She said all of the participants on E. Washington St. have been notified, she had fliers to pass out, and she asked permission to close the east and west side of the Circle, as well as the first block of E. Washington St. To clarify times, Mayor DeBaun said to close the east interior of the Circle on June 2 at midnight Friday morning, the west side at 12 noon, and the first block of E. Washington St. all day. First Merchants Bank will not have their drive-thru open that day, because Rachael contacted them five months earlier about this event. Rachael was asked to coordinate with Street Commissioner Jennifer Jones about possibly using barricades that day. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the requests, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mary McCarty, with Southeast Indiana Regional Planning, asked the Board to accept the bid for 106 W. Pearl St., in Waldron, that was opened on December 6, 2016, at a total of \$47,979.00. On two bids that were opened on April 18, 2017, for 208 W. South St., in Shelbyville, and 2995 W. Co. Rd. 1100 South, in Flat Rock, prices were lowered a bit after talking with Complete Restoration contractors. On two properties that were never bid on following two public notices at 11927 N. Division Rd., in Fountaintown, and 523 Fourth St., in Shelbyville, Mary said Indiana Housing told her she could get quotes, so she's meeting with someone after this session to visit the homes and get quotes. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the first three bids mentioned above, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said anyone wishing to leave could do so before continuing the appeal hearing requested by Chad Christian, of Christian Electric, that was last heard on April 18, 2017. Mayor DeBaun said subpoenas were issued to those who were not at the April 18 hearing. The Board asked questions of Melissa McKinney, who lives at 835 LaBelle St., and who filed a complaint with the City because of sewer smells in her home after work was performed by Christian Electric employees in March. The Board also asked questions of Lindel Smith, a licensed plumber, who checked the work done by Christian Electric employees. The Board asked questions of Monte Evans, a Christian Electric employee, and heard information provided by Chris Hext, a City employee, and Lisa Loveless, also a City employee. Questions were asked of Chad Christian, and the Board felt there were several inconsistencies in everyone's remarks from information that was provided and discussed at the earlier meeting. Mr. Williams said he would like to see the Planning Department and Plan Commission conduct seminars and invite local plumbers and electricians in to get a copy of the codes, and discuss any questions. He said that is where it seems most of the problems occur. Mr. Williams was not happy that Lindel Smith was not invited to attend the first meeting conducted by the Building Commission, and he felt not all of the fault should be on Chad Christian. He felt the fine of \$7,500.00 was very steep, considering that Chad wanted a license permit pulled for the job. Mayor DeBaun agreed, saying he felt the Building Commission should have done a better job of looking at the evidence, and he appreciated Mrs. McKinney and Lindel Smith's account of the details which provided valuable information that the Building Commission didn't have. Mayor DeBaun felt there wasn't any malicious intent, but Chad's name is on the truck, and he's responsible for the work done, even if

it's by someone else. Mr. Finkel agreed with both Board members, but said a fine needs to occur. Mr. Finkel moved to reduce the fine to \$1,000.00, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun thanked those who attended today's hearing.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zeff

Clerk-Treasurer, *Deary*