

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

June 6, 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, June 6, 2017, at 8:30 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 30, 2017, and Mr. Williams 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 said he and the Board went to the Animal Shelter last Thursday to see a demonstration of how Cortney Denton's dog reacted with and without Mr. Denton being around, as well as with his family. Mayor DeBaun said he was amazed how different the dog reacted with Mr. Denton working with it, and if he didn't see it, he said the outcome would be different today. He said he learned the way the dog reacts in unfamiliar settings; the barking is a sense of alarm, not necessarily a sense of aggression. Mr. Finkel said he visited the dog several times, and said he's never seen such a change in behavior in one animal as he saw with Cortney's dog. He said they've never had any problems with the dog in the past, but if there is in the future, there won't be any need for discussion. Mr. Williams said things were different from what he perceived them at first, but the fact remains that the dog bit Montel Giden three times, and Cortney's children as well. If the dog is released back to the owner, Mr. Williams felt there should be strict ramifications, particularly if Montel is going to be visiting, or really, anyone else outside the family. Mr. Finkel moved to release the dog back to its owner, pending the completion of its quarantine period, the dog be separated from any non-familiar people whenever the case arises, and this is the first and only time. Cortney said he was clear about the motion. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Cortney's father, Montel Giden, said he was concerned about the dog being released because it not only has bitten him three times, but it has bitten Cortney's children, and he won't report it. Since the incidents haven't been reported, Mayor DeBaun said there wasn't anything the City can do about that. Mr. Williams said that if Montel hears of any more dog bite incidents, he wants him to let the City know about it. Montel said he will.


Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner said Officer Tyler Shepard successfully completed his one year probationary period, and all necessary requirements on June 1. He recommended he be permanently appointed a police officer effective June 1, 2017. Mr. Williams moved to approve Tyler's permanent appointment, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Street Commissioner Jennifer Jones requested permission to allow parking on the stub of the 100 block of W. Franklin St., on the north side. It is because there are construction projects going on at First Christian Church, and demolition at the old hospital. Mr. Finkel moved to grant the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Nesetta Gellizeau, with How I Walk campaign and Shares Inc. asked permission to put signs out on First Fridays for walks from 5:00 to 5:30 P.M. The signs would be placed in the walking areas the day of the event, starting downtown on the Circle, and would be picked up after the walk. Eventually, she said she would like to do the same when they have their 3K and 5K walk/runs. She said she also works with the Livable Communities group and Healthy Shelby County. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun had a couple of announcements for July. The first was the Fly-In at the Airport on July 15, with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, and the second item was that the Board of Works meeting scheduled for July 11 would be moved to Thursday, July 13.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer