

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2018

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, October 16, 2018, at 8:31 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 9, 2018, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

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

Under old business, Kylie Pettit came forward to say she called the Public Safety Officer in May requesting that a stop sign be placed at Doran Ave. and Meridian St. She lives at 1922 Meridian St. She said cars continuously speed down Meridian St. and there are no sidewalks on either side of the street. Kylie said she has tried numerous times trying to reach someone in the Police Dept. Then, when she was told last week that 20 mph speed limits were being put up instead of a stop sign, she said she would like to appeal that ruling. She said she has three daughters, and because they are so close to the edge of the street, she has to continuously watch them when they get out of their vehicle. Mr. Finkel felt it would be good to have the area reviewed by Police for speeding over a two week period, and then come back with a recommendation. He said if there is a problem, then a stop sign could be put up. Mayor DeBaun asked Kylie if she would provide a phone number to the Police Chief so he could let her know when to return to the Board of Works meeting.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said he had two bids to open for the Blight Elimination Program's removal of three homes, located at 1128 Parker Ave., 823 Center St., and 723 Center St., excluding the detached garage. The first bid was from Robertson Paving with a grand total of \$31,000.00. The second bid was from Hunt Vac-Ex, LLC with a grand total of \$33,900.00. Mr. Williams moved to take the bids under advisement, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion to take the bids under advisement was approved on a 3-0 voice vote.

City Engineer Matt House said he had three bids for a very small floodwall on River Road. Mayor DeBaun opened the first bid from Superior Contractors, with a total of \$26,750.00. The second bid was from Runnebohm Construction, with a total of \$78,050.00. If constructed one foot taller, and 375 feet long, the total would be \$97,800.00. The third bid was from McClure Concrete, with a total of \$44,392.75. If a 375 foot, 60 inch wall, it is \$67,020.00. Mr. Finkel moved to take the bids under advisement, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion to take the bids under advisement was approved on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said he had a request to close Broadway from West St. to Miller St. on Halloween, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., to allow for safe trick or treating. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mr. House said there is a new pedestrian bike crossing at Walker St., Vine St., and Morris Ave., so he's requesting that a three way stop be placed at that location. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the request, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Jeff Scott, President of Habitat for Humanity, asked that any connection fees be waived on sewer and water for any houses that will be built. WRRF Supt. Brad Fix said the sewer tap fee has been waived in the past for Habitat, but inspection fees of \$25.00 still need to be paid. Mayor DeBaun asked Brad to give a written recommendation next week on the connection for 607 E. Jackson St., and everything will be formalized at that time.

Karen Smith said Capone's is having a Colts tailgate party/cornhole tournament, chili soup cook-off this coming Sunday. She asked for permission to close the east side of the Circle at 1:00 P.M. She said they have a permit to sell beer that day in that area, if allowed. Mayor DeBaun said he wished the Board had more time to consider this because the prior owner of Capone's asked for something similar to this and they were declined because the Board didn't want to be


in the habit of for-profit venues using public space. Karen said they could utilize the sidewalk, and make sure people can get around easily. Mr. Finkel suggested restricting parking on the northwest corner of the Public Square, so people could get around easier, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On a dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun asked the victim to come forward first. James Wilkinson, 1086 E. McKay Road, said he was taking his two dogs out for a walk on his driveway, when two pit bull dogs ran at them from across the street. He said one of the pit bulls seemed like it wanted to play, but the other pit bull started attacking. He had a walking stick, and he used it to defend his dogs. The pit bull attacked Mr. Wilkinson and bit him in the leg. Three men saw the incident, and when they ran to help, the pit bulls ran away. Mr. Wilkinson said the bite wasn't too bad because keys in his pocket protected him from having a worse bite. His dogs were not injured, and he was cared for by an RN who lived at his home. Jamie Macklin, 903 N. Hampton Blvd., came forward next to say how the dogs escaped from his home. Mr. Macklin said the six year old dog that bit Mr. Wilkinson had never bitten an animal or person in the past. The two dogs were found at Cork Liquors and returned to Mr. Macklin before impounding the dog that bit Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Finkel said this situation can't continue where the dogs escape, but he did visit the dog at the Animal Shelter, he said it was very timid, and it didn't appear to be aggressive at all. Mayor DeBaun said this incident occurred more because of human error than anything else. Mr. Williams said if this happens again in the future, the Board won't be so kind. Mr. Finkel said that when the dog is released, he asked that Animal Control Officer Jim Lane go to that home to give advice on what more could be done to prevent the dogs from escaping in the future, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

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

  
Tom DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Frank Zeir  
Clerk-Treasurer

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