

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

November 7, 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 Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 8:32 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 30, 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, concerning the dog bite case heard last week, Mayor DeBaun asked anyone in the family to come forward to talk about their thoughts on possible solutions with the dog. Taylor and Ashlee Richey gave a few thoughts on how to keep the dog at their home at 20 N. Pike St., and Greg Cutsinger said he talked with a few trainers on having to leave the dog with them. Animal Control Officer Jim Lane was asked to give his opinion about the dog. Mr. Lane said he felt the dog didn't have any chance with the public. Even with the family at the Shelter, Mr. Lane said the dog was very aggressive, and he felt that if the dog is released, someone will get hurt. When Mayor DeBaun asked if he felt the dog could be adoptable, Mr. Lane said absolutely not. Friends of the family, Jeremy Cox and Randy Gibson, spoke in favor of the dog being released. Mr. Finkel said he went to see the dog twice, and both times it was very aggressive with him, even though he showed no provocation with the dog. Mr. Williams talked about the breed of the pit bull, saying they were bred to fight and kill, and he didn't feel it would be good to return the dog back to the family. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Lane, which is not to return the dog, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun said he knew this wasn't the answer the family was looking for, but the Board's job is to protect the public.


Under new business, Fire Chief Tony Logan said Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Goodpaster submitted a letter of resignation to him yesterday, with his last effective day being November 15. Chief Logan said Mr. Goodpaster has chosen to take employment in another community, and said he had been here less than one year. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the resignation, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

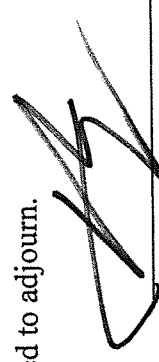
Plan Commission Director Bryant Niehoff requested an order to appear for the property owner and tenant of 815 Morris Avenue. He said a letter of nuisance violations was sent on October 22, and nothing has been done to remediate the situation. Mayor DeBaun said that because this is a contract sale, the order to appear will be sent to both the owner of record and the contract purchaser. Mr. Williams moved to approve the order to appear, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Mr. Finkel said he's noticed when driving through the City, a lot of TV's and monitors out by the trash. He noted that citizens are supposed to take those out to the Street Department, and drop those off at no charge. He also noted that trash collectors cannot pick those items up at their residences.

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

ATTEST:


Frank Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer


Tom DeBaun
Mayor