

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

April 30, 2019

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, April 30, 2019, at 8:29 A.M. All members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 23, 2019, 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.

Before starting old business, Mayor DeBaun invited Senior Services Executive Director Kim Koehl to come forward so he could read and present her with a proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month. Kim thanked the Mayor and the community for their support of Shelby Senior Services.

On old business, Plan Commission Director Adam Rude came forward to get approval from the Board of Central Park, Section 4C, for public improvements of Maintenance and Performance Bonds. The Performance Bonds are for 4' sidewalks, erosion control, street signs, and asphalt path. The maintenance Bonds are for sanitary and storm sewer, concrete roll curbs, and asphalt. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the Maintenance and Performance Bonds, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

At 1029 S. Tompkins St., Adam said contact with the owner has not been made, and it's thought he has abandoned the property. Mr. Finkel moved to clean the property and have the charges assessed to the taxes. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

At 1009 S. Tompkins St., Adam said the property has been cleaned to his satisfaction, and nothing further needs to be done.

At 407 Eberhart Drive, Adam said not much has been resolved on cleaning the property. Mr. Williams moved to have an order issued to appear in two weeks, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

At 305 Sunset Drive, Adam said some progress has been made on the property, but there still is a lot of junk there. Ellen Smith, who lives at 236 W. Pennsylvania St., said she has had to deal with this owner, Barbara Johnson, for fifteen years, and said she is a hoarder, saving and collecting everything. Mr. Williams moved to remediate the property and assess the charges to the taxes, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On a dog bite case from last week, Mayor DeBaun asked Naton Ridge to come forward. Mayor DeBaun said he visited his home and the surrounding sites, and was impressed by the work done on the new six foot fence that was installed. He also visited the dog at the Animal Shelter, and said the dog was not vicious. Mr. Finkel also visited the dog at the Animal Shelter, and said the dog was docile. It was noted that because the Vet was sick last weekend, the dog could not be vaccinated for a rabies shot. Mr. Williams moved to release the dog today, and ordered that the dog be vaccinated within the next two weeks. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Street Commissioner Doug Hunt came forward asking for permission to close certain streets for the annual St. Joe Festival, which is from May 9 to 11, 2019. He asked to close Noble St. at 8:00 A.M. from Broadway to Hendricks, and Hendricks north to Center St. Mr. Williams moved to approve the requests, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

On a new dog bite case, Mayor DeBaun gave instructions on the proceedings to both parties, and asked the owner of the dog biting the individual to come forward. Before starting, Jackie

Southworth, manager of Westar Mobile Home Park, said the owner of the pit bull lied to her saying they didn't have one. This pit bull bit a young boy when he entered the home. Jackie made it clear to the owner that if the pit bull is released, it cannot go back into Westar. She will not allow certain breeds into the Park, and when the Animal Control Officer went into the owner's home, he found twelve Chihuahua puppies, and her limit is two dogs per home. She told the owners they had to find other places for the puppies. A daughter of the mother who owns the dog did the speaking because the mother didn't speak English. The pit bull was not in his cage when a mother and her son went into the home, and it bit him on the ear, face, and eyebrow. The daughter said the pit bull would be released to the care of her boyfriend, Francisco Castro, who lives in Waldron. Mr. Williams moved to approve sending the pit bull to Mr. Castro's, pending review and approval of his location by the Animal Shelter. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

City Engineer Matt House said four Rose-Hulman seniors were here doing their senior design project. Matt said the students worked all year on this project. Before starting, Mayor DeBaun asked each of the students to introduce themselves, say where they're from, and what their field of study is, with all of them being in some field of Civil Engineering. The screen was lowered to show pictures of the south Blue River Trail Connector, and all four students talked about the plans on their design ideas. The plan was to connect the current trail with Amos Road, which wasn't in the City's trail plans, but Matt thought it could be a good project in the future. A pedestrian bridge was also in the students' ideas, along with removing approximately 200 trees. The estimated cost of the project is \$485,000.00.

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



Tom DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer

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