

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

May 28, 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, May 28, 2019, 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 21, 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.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner said Sgt. Mike Polston has decided to retire after twenty years of service. Chief Weidner requested that Sgt. Polston's retirement become effective at midnight July 2, 2019, and he would like to continue being a reserve officer for the purpose of maintaining his equipment and training. He will be employed by the Shelbyville Central Schools as a school security officer. Chief Weidner also asked that his reserve status become effective on July 3. Mr. Finkel moved to approve the requests, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun asked the Chief to extend Sgt. Polston best wishes on his retirement in July.


On a new dog bite case, the owner of the dog that bit a dog and a man, Keith Wade, 407 Eberhart Drive, did not appear for the hearing. Stephanie Ensley, 403 Eberhart Drive, came forward to say her dog had received ten puncture wounds from the pit bull, while Denny Pettitt was also bitten when he tried to break up the dog fight. Stephanie had pictures of her dog's bites, and a vet bill as well, totaling \$330.00. The pit bull went into Stephanie's back yard to attack her dog, and she said her dog will recover from the bites. Mr. Pettitt said he received four stitches on his arm at the hospital. Mr. Finkel said he visited the dog at the Animal Shelter, and it's a pretty clear cut case. Since the owner wasn't present, Mayor DeBaun asked Keith Barrett, Animal Control Officer, to talk about the dog, and if it had prior incidents. Mr. Barrett said the problem is the people living at 407 Eberhart Drive, where the Animal Shelter has received numerous complaints of other dogs at that location running loose, but they're back inside when Officers arrive. The dog isn't "wired right" according to Keith, and he said the dog can be extremely aggressive towards some, but not others. Mayor DeBaun said since 407 Eberhart Drive has become such a continuous problem with complaints of trash and dogs running loose attacking others, he asked City Attorney Jenny Meltzer if this establishes a pattern where, once this issue is resolved, if there is anything that can be done, or does she need to research what, if anything, can be done? Jenny said she will do some research, but she thinks it will have to be done on a case by case incident. Mr. Barrett said Mr. Wade signed a paper notifying him that the hearing would be held today, and he gave Mr. Wade several chances to sign papers ahead of time so this meeting didn't have to happen today, but he didn't do it. Thus, everyone was notified Friday that this meeting had to be held today. Mr. Williams moved to have the dog euthanized, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

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



Tom DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank Zeir
Clerk-Treasurer