

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

October 15, 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, October 15, 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 October 8, 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.

Under old business, Plan Commission Director Adam Rude came forward to talk about the property at 910 Elm St. Adam said the owner appeared two weeks ago, and he was given two weeks to clean it up. Adam said, as of this morning, the back had been addressed, but the front still had junk and debris. He recommended that the Street Department abate that property. When looking at pictures of the front of the property, Mayor DeBaun noted there were toys there, and he wanted to make it clear that the Street Department does not take any of those toys away. Mr. Williams moved to have the property cleaned up and assess the charges to the taxes. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Adam said his Dept. has been working with owners at 852 W. Franklin St. for some time, to no avail, so he asked for an order to appear. Mr. Finkel moved to have an order to appear issued, and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Street Commissioner Doug Hunt requested permission to close W. Broadway, from West St. to Miller St., on October 31 for trick or treating. It will be from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said he had a request from Teresa Meredith to close the west half of the Circle, on October 23, from 3:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M., for a grade-in. Mayor DeBaun said it's an event where all County teachers are invited to set up and grade papers, to show their support for public education. Mr. Finkel said he would abstain on the vote. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0-1 voice vote, with Mr. Finkel abstaining.

On the first dog bite case today, Candice Teasley was invited to come forward to talk about her dog being attacked by another dog while walking in the Sunset Addition area. Candice said the dog bit her dog around its neck, and she had to kick the dog to get it to release its grip. She said she's so far accumulated \$1,000.00 in expenses, plus a loss of one day's pay. Her dog will have to go back to have stitches removed, and then it will be evaluated again. Mr. Finkel said he visited the dog at the Animal Shelter, and it was friendly to him, but it could be different with other dogs around. Terri Jareski, the owner of the biting dog, said she heard the screaming when she was in her garage, but she didn't see the incident when it started. Her boyfriend beat her to the scene to help break the dog away. She said her dog is an inside dog, it's five years old, and she's visited it just once at the Shelter because it's too emotional for her. Terri said she's responsible for the vet bills caused by her dog. Animal Shelter Coordinator Keith Barrett came forward to say the dog is good with people at the Shelter, but what the dog did to the other dog in its severity is an extreme issue. He said it's a tough call to make. He doesn't want to euthanize it, but he said it has to be contained. Mayor DeBaun said if the dog is released, Terri has to realize that the results would be different if there's a second time coming before the Board. Mr. Barrett said the dog is not current on its rabies shot. Mr. Williams moved to release the dog to its owner after the quarantine period ends, provided that it gets its rabies shot, and the Animal Shelter looks at the home to make sure the dog is kept inside. Mr. Finkel seconded. The motion was carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun asked to take a short recess so the Board can have some time to review a second dog bite case that was just brought to them this morning.

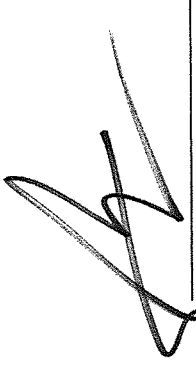
Mayor DeBaun read a letter from the victim of a dog bite case that happened on October 10 on W. Broadway St. The letter was from Barbara Thurston, who was bit by a dog on her right thigh. She was visiting family on that day, and has since returned home to Juneau, Alaska. Although the bite wasn't real serious, her concern was if the dog had received its rabies shots, and to be kept informed of what happens in this case. The owner of the biting dog is Dustin Kaster, who lives at 168 W. Broadway St. Dustin came forward and read a letter from his wife, Krystal Kaster, who said their neighbor has a fence that still hasn't been fixed, and their dog escapes through it. Their dog is an inside dog and usually comes back in after being outside for a short while. Since no papers were available, it is not known when their dog last had its rabies shot. Mr. Finkel felt it was important that he visit with the dog at the Animal Shelter before making any further decision, so he moved to table this until next Tuesday's Board meeting at 8:30. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion to table this until next Tuesday was approved on a 3-0 voice vote.

There being no further business, Mayor DeBaun moved to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Frank Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer



Tom DeBaun
Mayor

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