

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

December 3, 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, December 3, 2019, at 8:31 A.M. Mr. Finkel was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 26, 2019, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the claims as presented, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Police Chief Mark Weidner asked permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to Adam Buckley, who has completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy basic course. The conditional offer is that he is admitted to PERF, he satisfactorily completes field training and a one-year probationary period before he is permanently employed. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Fire Chief Tony Logan requested permission to purchase tactical equipment from the NR Capital Ambulance Fund because he will receive a reimbursable grant, but it must be spent before being reimbursed. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said he received a request last week from the Shelbyville Lions Club, asking permission to do a road block on Saturday, December 14. It would be at the intersection of Mechanic and Harrison Street, from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., and they will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Mr. Williams moved to approve the request, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

A dog bite case was next, so Mayor DeBaun asked the dog bite victim to come forward first. The dog bite victim's name is Luann Bentley, who lives at 35 E. Pennsylvania St., and she explained how her dog was attacked by another dog, which she has had trouble with in the past. When she tried picking her dog up, the other dog bit her as well on her hand. The other dog did not have a collar or a leash to separate the two dogs, so the dog fight did not end until the owner of the biting dog arrived. Mrs. Bentley said she heard from others that they have been bothered by the biting dog, but it had never bitten anyone before. Mr. Williams asked if any medical attention was required, and Mrs. Bentley said no. The lady who owned the biting dog, Dorcas Haggard, 40 E. Mechanic St., said her dog did not have a collar or leash on it because it had scratches around its neck from another dog. Although the dog is three years old, she's only had the dog for six months and didn't know about prior incidents with the neighbors. She got her dog from a neighbor who lived across the street from her. Animal Control Officer Jim Lane said he has not had any problems with the dog at the Animal Shelter, and felt the dog could go home early since it's had its shots. Hearing what's happened so far, Mayor DeBaun said the dog needs to be kept on a harness when it's taken outside, because if another incident happens, it would probably have a different outcome. Mrs. Bentley came forward saying she didn't want the dog put down, she believes Dorcas can't control the dog, and felt it should be given to someone else. Mayor DeBaun said the Board only has so much discretion, noting the dog isn't considered vicious because it's the first incident, so it can't order Dorcas to give the dog to someone else. Mr. Williams asked Luann to report immediately to the Animal Shelter if the dog, Pocko, is seen around the neighborhood running loose. Mr. Williams moved to return the dog today, with the condition the owner assures the Board that the dog will be kept on a harness in the future and if the dog comes before the Board again, there will be a different outcome. Dorcas nodded her head that she understood the motion, and Mayor DeBaun confirmed with her that she did understand the motion. Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank Zeir  
Clerk-Treasurer

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