

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2016

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, March 15, 2016, at 8:30 A.M. Mr. Williams was absent, recovering from knee replacement surgery recently, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Mr. Finkel moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 8, 2016, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

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

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun opened two bids for the Lincoln Street project. The first was by Crim & Sons with a base bid of \$101,498.00. The second was by Milestone with a base bid of \$137,082.00. Mr. Finkel moved to take the bids under advisement, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion to take the bids under advisement was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

The second set of bids was for the Blight Elimination Program, where five bids were opened by Mayor DeBaun. These bids are for the demolition of five structures in the City. The following companies, along with their bid amounts, are listed below:

Robertson Paving	\$47,800.00
Demolition Environmental Services	\$67,104.00
Beaty Construction	\$47,700.00
D & D Hunt	\$78,501.00
J & J Excavating	\$61,799.00

Mr. Finkel moved to take the bids under advisement, and Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote to take the bids under advisement, and Mayor DeBaun said an award would be likely at the next Board meeting.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said there were two new dog bite cases, so he gave a few instructions on how he wanted all participants to act during the hearings, and to be on their best behavior. The first to come forward was Whitney Scott, who was visiting her neighbors in their garage at 306 Sunset Drive. Her dog Pacey bit another dog when apparently she was shocked wearing a collar that has an invisible fence around the area. When trying to separate the dogs, Whitney was also bitten by her own dog. If the Board releases Pacey today, which is in the tenth day of quarantine, Whitney said her dog would be taken to a special dog trainer, then after working with the dog, she will be released to a place in Columbus. Whitney said the dog will never be returned to Shelbyville. Mr. Finkel said he visited Pacey at the Animal Shelter, and said she was the least aggressive dog he's ever met. He said it seemed to be the best plan for the dog, and Whitney said the dog that was bitten is undergoing a second surgery today, but is really doing well. Nicole Johns came forward to confirm that what Whitney said was accurate, and didn't feel the dog should be euthanized. Mr. Finkel moved that the dog be released to the owner for obedience training, and relocation then to Columbus. Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

On the second dog bite case, Christopher Appleman, 242 E. Franklin Street, came forward to tell of the events that happened when his dog bit his friend, Dustin Cantrell, who lives at 417 E. Franklin Street. Christopher said his dog is good when he walks her, kids pet her with no problems, and he has a six year old daughter who gets along well with the dog. He said his dog has never bitten anyone before. The thinking is his dog might have smelled Dustin's dog's scent, and bit him on his left leg. Although Christopher felt his dog was very good, Mr. Finkel had a very different experience with the dog when he saw her at the Animal Shelter. As soon as he got close to the cage, she started growling, and he said she was one of the most aggressive dogs that he's ever seen. Mr. Cantrell gave his version of what happened, and only went to the hospital after his Mom insisted he go because there was some bleeding. There were no stitches needed, and he said he would go back to see Christopher at his house, even if the dog was released. Animal Shelter Coordinator Keith Barrett said there is still a big contrast with the dog, and felt

and felt she might get better the longer she's out there. Mayor DeBaun said he'd like to go out to see the dog, and Mr. Finkel said he'd like to see the dog again, after it's been acclimated to its environment. Mr. Finkel moved to take this under advisement until next week, when the quarantine period ends. Mayor DeBaun seconded. The motion was carried on a 2-0 voice vote.

Mr. Finkel wanted to compliment the Police Department once again for going through the CALEA audit this past week, and they're waiting for their recommendation from the review committee.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to extend the Board's condolences to the family of former City Councilman Jim Sleeth, who passed away over the weekend.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer