

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 8:30 A.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Mayor DeBaun asked all of the students and educators to come forward to read a Proclamation declaring the month of February as Career and Technical Education Month. The Mayor asked each of the students to give their name and what course they're taking. Educator Ray Schebler said he has worked with senior students for 34 years, and now has students from Rush and Hancock Counties as well.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 17-2810, Councilman Nolley moved to adopt the 2016 S-13 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances on first reading, and Councilman Ridgeway seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on first reading.

On Ordinance No. 17-2811, Councilman Asher moved to amend Chapter 92: Health and Sanitation on first reading, and Councilman Wright seconded. Mayor DeBaun said this limits the number of bags to five, and for them to be no more than 35 gallon bags of trash or 40 pounds in weight, on or before July 1, 2017. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on first reading.

On Resolution No. 2017-2, Councilwoman Bowen moved to continue the partnership with Shelby County and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Councilman Ridgeway seconded. This provides the City to appropriate \$37,000 to fund a fifth year of the program. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Councilman Wright moved, and Councilman Carmony seconded to approve Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for three Council members and a spouse. On Councilman Asher, the motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Asher abstaining. On Councilwoman Bowen and husband Gary, the motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilwoman Bowen abstaining. On Councilman Nolley, the motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Nolley abstaining.

Under other business, Councilman Ridgeway wanted to ask Building and Plan Commission Director Bryant Niehoff some questions about the meeting he hosted last week with Plan and Board of Zoning members, along with Council members. Bryant said he was hired after Rushville won the Stellar Community Grant Fund, and many have had nice things to say about the Plan Commission getting things done.

Brandy Coomes, Executive Director of Main Street Shelbyville, wanted to thank members of the City Council for their investments in providing monies to upgrade facades for businesses in the City. Because of this, she has been invited to speak in April to Indiana Landmarks' Conference, educating others on how the City got downtown enhancement grants that led to City involvement, and County involvement now as well. The Mayor and Council requested more information about when and where that event will occur in April.

Parks Director Karen Martin wanted to make sure, once again, everyone knew about the Shelbyville Parks Master Plan public meetings, which are scheduled for February 15, and March 15, at 6:00 P.M., at the Carl McNeely Civic Center Shelbyville Parks Department; saying she's looking forward to everyone's input. Karen said all of the gathered information will be sent to Indiana's Department of Natural Resources in December, which will review all of the communities input, and then make decisions on who should receive the available monies.

Besides those two dates, Karen said she has already met with a few groups, and will continue meeting other groups and schools.

Councilman Asher read the Mission Statement for the Ordinance Committee, Councilwoman Bowen gave the Mission Statement for the Downtown Committee, and Councilman Carmony read Mission Statements on the Finance Committee, and the Fees and Salaries Committee. These Council members are Chairmen of these Committees.

Concerning the announcement made recently that the owners of Sugar Coated are leaving on February 14, 2017 to pursue nursing in North Carolina, Mayor DeBaun wanted everyone to know that Brandy Coomes has been actively marketing the Sugar Coated location. He said interest has been shown in the space, and other open spaces in the downtown area. At the Town Hall meeting that Councilman Ridgeway hosted last week at the Library, Mayor DeBaun said the City is requesting authorization by the legislature to impose a food and beverage tax. The Mayor said a Resolution would be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Concerning the status on the Methodist Building, Mayor DeBaun said he has been in constant contact with Mitch Genser, the owner of the building, and Ken Remenschneider on two different prospects. One prospect is looking at a very large scale development, including more than just the Methodist Building, and the second is on the Methodist Building itself.

Brandy came forward to say she has been with Main Street for seven years, and her job is constantly changing. Whereas December and January are usually her down time months to plan for the new year, she's become much busier with economic decisions and constant questioning about stores in the downtown area. She said last week someone was purchasing the Connor Jewelry building, while another party was interested in getting a grant to purchase another downtown building. Since she's being kept so busy, she said she might need to have an assistant hired. Discussion was also held on the vacant Tippecanoe Press building.

Councilman Ridgeway asked Plan Commission Director Bryant Niehoff to talk about current happenings at the S.O.S. building on E. Washington Street. Bryant said the owner is providing a mixed use there. The building contains several sleeping rooms, and an event space in the former gym. Last week, he had batting cages in the gym.

Brandy gave an update on the progress of the Main Street building at 18 N. Harrison Street, saying it's progressing slowly.

There being no further business, Councilman Nolley moved to adjourn, and Councilman Wright seconded.



Thomas D. DeBaun,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer