COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting August 6, 2012

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, August 6, 2012, at 7:02 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Brown followed with a prayer. Councilman Nolley was absent and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Fero moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, July 16, 2012, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun said he talked with the petitioner and the representative of Jhala Properties, LLC about their Compliance with Statement of Benefits form, and they asked that it be tabled until they can provide current information.

Attorney Stephen Schrumpf represented Sankyo Seiki (America) Inc. for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits form. Mr. Schrumpf said the company is doing well after being hit hard by the recession in 2008. The company has changed business direction and is now doing auto parts. The company now has 56 employees, with 6 current job openings, with the thoughts of possibly expanding in the next 2 years. He said the company was quite appreciative of the Council's support and understanding when they were down to 37 employees in the recession period. With the current tax abatement, Mr. Schrumpf said the company paid $36,000 in real estate taxes and $25,000 in personal property taxes this year. Councilman Phares moved to approve the Compliance form and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2012-23, a transfer of funds was requested to be made within the General Fund's Sanitation Department. A total of $450.00 was asked to be moved from #101-010-397 (Dumping Charges), and going to #101-010-440 (Motor Vehicles). Councilman Fero moved to approve the transfer request, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Carmony said he had an opportunity and privilege to ride with a Police Officer last week. He said the Officer showed a high degree of professionalism, and a reasonable degree of discretion when it came to drivers going over the posted speed limits. In his 4 hour journey, they encountered a hungry and thirsty dog, a burglary, a DUI, 3 or 4 traffic violations, and that morning, a Police Officer from Fortville was shot by a motorist with bullets flying at him when he jumped out of his car in a Police chase. He said it was a dangerous situation that these Officers face all of the time, he had a high degree of respect for what they are doing, and he noticed the high degree of respect the Officers have for each other in their jobs. Councilman Carmony said it was a good experience, he hoped to do it again, and he thanked Chief England for setting it up for him. He said he noticed the Officers liked and respected their Chief when he asked questions how things were going, and he noted everyone wanted to work hard. Mayor DeBaun said Chief England gave commendations for the files of several Officers at this evening's Board of Works meeting, concerning a burglary last week, and he appreciated Councilman Carmony's comments.

There being no further business, Councilman Hamilton moved to adjourn.

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer