COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting January 7, 2013

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 7, 2013, at 7:03 P.M. Councilman Carmony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Hamilton followed with a prayer. Councilman Asher was absent and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Nolley moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, December 17, 2012, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Councilman Carmony moved to approve the financial reports as presented, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 12-2710, amending the City's Salary Ordinance No. 12-2699 for 2013, Councilman Brown moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under new business, Mayor DeBaun said he passed out a much larger, written State of the City Address to the Councilmen in the prelim meeting, but he opted to highlight some of the things that have been accomplished, and some of the challenges that have been faced over the year. The first thing mentioned by the Mayor was thanking the Council for working with him and his Administration, saying it's been a challenging year, but a lot of good work has been done. Secondly, he wanted to thank his Department Heads, who were asked to do a lot this year, saying it's not been easy for them, and it's been contentious at times. He felt they had done a fantastic job, and it's hoped when the 1782 Notice comes out, things will be a bit easier for them. He said he felt it was important to continue looking at ways to deliver our services to the community better. He also said he felt it was important to have a full understanding of our financial situation, tearing the budget apart, including our income, debt, and long-term debt so we can understand where we are. The Mayor said the decisions the City makes are to serve one group of people primarily, and they are the citizens of Shelbyville. He said the citizens are our customers, and they are the ones who are impacted the most by the decisions the City makes. The first and primary charge is to do as little harm to the citizens, while achieving the greater good, which he said the City has tried to do to the best of their ability. The Mayor said he asked each of his Department Heads to give him a list of accomplishments for the year, saying a lot of good things have been done. After listing a few of the Department accomplishments, the Mayor talked about the long drought suffered this summer, saying it helped Wastewater and Stormwater employees see a lot of infrastructure that wouldn't normally be seen with constant rains throughout a year. It gave them an opportunity to fix crumbling infrastructure that hadn't been fixed before. To help towards health costs rising, a new Clinic was instituted, and Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank the Public Safety Unions for understanding the dire straits that the City was in. He talked about extending infrastructure to help local industries, the Rose-Hulman agreement, lowering long distance calls, working well between the City, County and the Fair Board on the Grandstands project, City and County officials are working together on several economic development projects, and opening Phase II in the Memorial Park with the splash pad and the Veteran's and Fallen Soldier's Memorial Plaza. Mayor DeBaun said the City has embraced its manufacturing heritage, noting that Shelbyville and Shelby County is a manufacturing community. The City tries to assess the needs and then attempts to help meet those needs in the curriculum and development of programs. During the past year, 185 jobs were created through new tax abatements and the naming of three new companies moving to Shelbyville. Focusing on downtown Shelbyville, Mayor DeBaun said there is a real development in the Methodist Building, and he and others will be meeting those folks to work out details on financial incentives. He said the destruction of the Knights Inn will be a carryover project, delayed because of asbestos issues. Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank everyone once again for their role in the success that we see as a community. Councilman Fero wanted to thank the Mayor for doing an outstanding job this past year, and other Councilmen agreed with his assessment.

Under other comments, Mayor DeBaun asked Councilman Brown if he'd like to talk about his trip. Councilman Brown said there were around 41 people who took a bus trip to Washington

D.C. to see Congressman Luke Messer, from Shelbyville, be sworn in. They left on Jan.1 and returned on Jan. 4. He said Luke had them for dinner the night before at the Occidental, and then they had breakfast at the Library of Congress. He said around 100 were present to see him sworn in, and they were able to see the vote on the "fiscal cliff". They were able to see Congressman Mike Pence make his last vote as a Congressman, and he came to speak with them, also giving a private tour of the Capitol Building around midnight. Mayor DeBaun said he's looking forward to working with Luke. Councilman Brown said he spoke to him on the Mayor's behalf, and Luke said he's also looking forward to seeing him. Councilman Brown said Congressman Messer wants to have some type of ribbon cutting ceremony here. He will get with the Mayor, and he's excited to move forward. Mayor DeBaun said that will be good for all of us.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer