COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting January 23, 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 Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 7:05 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Fero followed with a prayer. All Councilmen were present and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Nolley moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, January 7, 2013, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Asher abstaining.

Under other business, Councilman Nolley moved to nominate Councilman Asher as Council President for 2013, and Councilman Brown seconded. Councilman Nolley moved to close the nominations, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion to close the nominations was approved on a 7-0 voice vote. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to approve Councilman Asher as Council President for 2013.

Councilman Nolley moved to nominate Councilman Fero as Reader for 2013, and Councilman Asher seconded. Councilman Nolley moved to close the nominations, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to close the nominations. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to approve Councilman Fero as the Reader for 2013.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2013-2, in support of United States Bicycle Route #35, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request, and Councilman Brown seconded. Under discussion, Plan Commission Director Dann Bird said this route will extend from Michigan to the Gulf Coast. In the County, Dann said the route will go from Co. Rd. 600 West, following N. Michigan Rd. into the City of Shelbyville. In the City, it would go down Harrison St. to Broadway, and from Miller St. out to Columbus Rd. Dann said there were four people present about this, of which two will speak. Those present were Lydi Davidson, with Community Aspirations, Jim Garlits, with the military at Camp Atterbury and Bike Trails Action Group, Richard Vonnegut, Vice-Chair with Hoosier Rails to Trails, and Mario Vian, who also is with Rails to Trails. Mr. Vonnegut said Hoosier Rails to Trails is the designee in Indiana to develop Route #35, and tonight's proposal is a part of what's planned to go through Indiana. He said this trail will bring tourism to our county, and throughout the State. He also said they are about half way through getting everything done. Councilman Carmony asked if there will be signage along the route. Mr. Vonnegut said the endorsement provides for signs, but there's no requirement for it, and he showed a picture of what the sign looks like. Mr. Vonnegut also said there's no requirement to have bike lanes provided. Mr. Garlits said he's worked with Lydi for the last year and a half on this trail, and he and many others have ridden Columbus Rd. several times, saying it could be wider, but it's well traveled by bicyclists. He felt the bicyclists are regulars, and they know to look out for vehicles, feeling it's a safe route. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun thanked the four representatives for all of their help.

Concerning the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for Nic Weber, two for David Finkel, and Shane Scott, Councilman Brown moved to approve all of them, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Tony Collier, from Shelby County Life Long Learning, had packets he passed around to all the Councilmen and the Mayor. Tony said he wanted to come tonight to give the Council an update and an overview of some highlights that happened in 2012. In the packet, he talked about marketing types of materials that have been produced, which will be utilized to help market some of the services available in Shelby County. There also was a quarterly report format that was developed earlier last year, and he talked about some of the information on the report. He spoke about a few grants that were made available to help with some of the training programs, as well as scholarships being provided for those in need towards bettering their education. Of the 69 people given assistance with their GED testing, Tony said 59 passed. For 2013, he said the SCLLL is still looking at the various training programs that are needed. He's talked with the

Mayor, Ivy Tech, and is looking at training programs for the college credit level. Mayor DeBaun thanked Tony for starting to quantify the numbers, knowing that this was a concern that was expressed to him last year, and he appreciated the opportunity he's had to work with him on the education workforce. Mayor DeBaun said the education workforce was a priority of his, and he's glad to see the initiative moving forward. Tony said the Shelby County Schools had 75% to 90% graduate last year, with dropouts totaling around 40 to 50 per year. The Mayor and Councilmen thanked Tony for his work.

Dan Theobald, from Shelby Co. Development Corp., was scheduled for tonight, but he had a potential prospect call him today, so he was with them tonight.

Councilman Nolley moved to keep the Council Committees and Chairmen of such Committees the same as they were last year, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Councilman Nolley moved to keep the same Liaison appointments for 2013 as last year, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said Resolution No. 2013-3 was asked to be removed from tonight's agenda, and brought back on February 4.

Councilman Brown wanted it known that Shelby County's first beer will be on tap and available tonight at the restaurant 18 On the Square.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer