

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 16, 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, July 16, 2012, at 7:03 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Brown followed with a prayer. All Councilmen were present and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Fero moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, July 2, 2012, and Councilman Asher seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 5-0-2 voice vote, with Councilmen Nolley and Phares abstaining.

Under old business, attorney Stephen Schrumpf appeared for the Compliance with Statement of Benefits form for Indiana Precision Forge, LLC. He said the company has been doing very well, and he apologized for the incorrect Statement of Benefits form that was sent to the City in May. Instead of having 45 employees, they actually had 70. As of July 16, they have 85 employees, and they are looking to hire 7 additional members. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the Compliance form for Indiana Precision Forge, LLC, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Terry Sheehan, Chief Financial Officer, and John Armstrong, Plant Manager, appeared for the Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms for Brazeway, Inc. Mr. Sheehan said their employment is now up to 50, so they're back to their long-term target, and business is strong. Mr. Sheehan said their outlook for 2013 is very strong. Mayor DeBaun said that if Brazeway needed infrastructure improvements, he would like their officials to get with him sooner than later. Mr. Sheehan said trying to find employees has been challenging, but they've been taking their time in finding the right hires, and things are working out for them. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the Compliance form for Brazeway, Inc., and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2012-16, Councilman Fero moved to approve a tax abatement request by PK U.S.A., Inc., and Councilman Carmony seconded. Attorney Stephen Schrumpf and Bill Kent, Vice President of Corporate Relations, represented PK U.S.A. Mr. Schrumpf said the company was requesting tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment and new logistics equipment to modernize the facility. He also said PK paid around \$250,000.00 in real estate taxes and \$500,000.00 in personal property taxes in 2011. Mr. Kent said getting qualified candidates is challenging, having to take a 3 1/2 hour test, but he said Shelbyville is a good place to do business, and it has a good work force. Mr. Kent talked about having a "Wall of Honor" placed in their cafeteria, honoring their 15 veterans who work for PK with pictures of them currently, along with one when they were in the military. One military employee dates back to 1965. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-22, a transfer of funds was requested to be made from the Plan Commission Overtime fund (#101-016-113), to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals members per diem fund (#101-019-130), totaling \$200.00. Councilman Fero moved to approve the transfer request, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Phares said he noticed several of the City's street lights were on during the day, and he asked if someone should be made aware of that. Mayor DeBaun said if Councilman Phares would give him locations, he'd have someone look at them. Mayor DeBaun said he and Amy Haacker met with Duke Energy officials about six weeks ago, and he was given a couple options on replacing street lights in the downtown area. He said the City could spend \$5,200.00 per light, maintain them ourselves, and pay for the electricity, or \$5,800.00 per light, then Duke would maintain them for ten years at no cost to the City, but the City would pay for the electricity.

Considering the drought conditions, Councilman Hamilton asked if the Fire Department has responded to very many grass fires around town. Fire Chief Tony Logan said the citizens have been very good, but his concern is that they don't let their guard down. Councilman Brown noted that 75% of the area covered by the Shelbyville Fire Department is agricultural. Mayor DeBaun noted that the burn ban that was put into effect earlier, has been extended indefinitely,

and won't be repealed until such time that it's deemed safe by the Fire Chief and the Emergency Management group. Councilman Phares asked about new Fire Station 2, and Chief Logan said there are a few problems that are being looked at. He invited any Council member to stop by to see the building.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer