COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting June 18, 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, June 18, 2012, at 7:04 P.M. Councilman Carmony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Hamilton followed with a prayer. Councilmen Asher and Nolley were absent and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Phares moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, June 4, 2012, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun announced that it was determined in the prelim meeting that the agenda for tonight has been rearranged, so that any company with Compliance Statements and Resolutions for new tax abatements will be heard at the same time. That way, they don't have to wait until later in the meeting for their abatement request.

Darren Brewer represented Brewer Investments, LLC for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms. Councilman Phares moved to approve the Compliance forms, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Raj Venkatesan, Controller of the Plant, and Annette Prehn, Tax Manager, represented Pilkington North America, Inc. for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits form. Mr. Venkatesan said things were going pretty well, and for the 20 to 25 job openings, they're having some difficulty, but they're finding people for the jobs. Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the Compliance form, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Rick Martin, Plant Controller, represented Plastic Moldings Company, LLC for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms. Rick said the automotive side is doing well, where they're around 90% of where they were a couple years ago. On the medical side, they're not doing as well, saying a couple of big customers have delayed projects, and they're half of their clients. He said the automotive side represents around 75% of their sales, and the medical side around 25%. Councilman Phares moved to approve the Compliance forms, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun asked Mr. Martin to stay there so Councilman Fero could read Resolution No. 2012-17, where Plastic Moldings Co., LLC, is requesting 10 years of tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment. Councilman Fero moved to approve the tax abatement request, and Councilman Phares seconded. Under discussion, Mr. Martin explained how the screws and barrels are used and reused, on the medical side, over a five to ten year period, or longer, with the barrels. There was concern as to how long the screws and barrels would last, so it was explained to Mr. Martin that a Compliance with Statement of Benefits form would have to be brought before the Council every year to show it's still in compliance. Mr. Martin said it was his understanding that three employees would be hired for this new equipment, one for each shift. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Attorney Lee McNeely represented Ten Cate Enbi, Inc. for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms. Mr. McNeely said the company has been able to stay ahead of the game through technology and innovation, and investment in equipment. He said 7 people had been hired within the last two weeks, and he said the City has benefitted greatly by having Ten Cate Enbi for the last ten years. Councilman Phares moved to approve the Compliance forms, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Attorney Stephen Schrumpf represented Yushiro Mfg. America, Inc. (YUMA), for their Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms. Mr. Schrumpf said the company is maintaining the employees they had on their Compliance form, and they have been quite profitable this year, with most of it tied to the automotive industry. Councilman Brown moved to approve the Compliance forms, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote. Continuing with YUMA's tax abatement request on Resolution No. 2012-15, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Schrumpf introduced two employees of Ryobi, who were with him concerning their Compliance with Statement of Benefits forms for Ryobi Die Casting (USA), Inc. Mr. Schrumpf said Ryobi currently has 850 employees, and there currently are 50 additional job openings. With the tax abatement request coming up with new equipment, it will add an additional 25 employees, so Ryobi will have 925 employees sometime in 2013. The only problem Ryobi has with its expansion plans are that they are landlocked, and only have 5 remaining acres. Mr. Schrumpf said Ryobi has lowered the qualifications for hiring, but they are looking for employees with good work ethic who will come to work every day. He said there will be two different job fair openings this week, where they will be doing on-site hiring, and they are working with the Schools to hire graduating seniors who are looking for work. All of the workforce agencies have been contacted to let them know Ryobi is hiring as well. Mr. Schrumpf said the pay starts around $11.00 an hour, with shift differentials, and there are progressions if the employee is there for a year, along with a step progression for wage increases. Councilman Brown moved to approve the Compliance forms, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote. Continuing with Ryobi's tax abatement request on Resolution No. 2012-10, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request, and Councilman Carmony seconded. Mr. Schrumpf said three buildings will be expanded, and Ryobi will be putting in six production lines. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said Councilman Rob Nolley has filed a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form, indicating he has a contract with the City with his business, Tubesock, Inc. Councilman Fero moved to approve the form, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-18, requesting approval of an additional appropriation of $75,000.00 from the Community Economic Development Fund, Councilman Fero moved to approve, and Councilman Phares seconded. Mayor DeBaun said this is the $.25 surcharge on the sewage utility bill, and mentioned projects the money has been used for in the past. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-19, adopting Conflict of Interest and Nepotism policies with the City of Shelbyville, Councilman Fero moved to approve, and Councilman Phares seconded. City Attorney Trent Meltzer said the State Legislature passed new laws governing conflict of interest and nepotism policies which municipalities are required to adopt at least the minimum requirements. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 12-2698, amending Chapter 93 of the City Code of Ordinances, addressing weeds, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Brown seconded. City Attorney Meltzer said the State passed a new law allowing municipalities to use continuous enforcement orders. He said if the City orders grass to be mowed, and it's not, after the City mows it, the City won't have to send continuous notices that their grass needs to be mowed. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Hamilton said many people have talked with him about the extremely dry conditions, and they are concerned about 4th of July fireworks, so he asked Fire Chief Tony Logan to address the situation. Chief Logan said the Fire Chiefs were asking the County to ban all burning in the County because of the very dry conditions. He said fireworks could be held at the Shelby County Fair, where two fire trucks will be there in case of a fire starting. Councilman Fero asked what happens when companies like Ryobi want to expand, are they required to look into additional fire equipment in the building. Chief Logan said it's taken before the Tech Review Committee for them to review and inspect.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer