

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 5, 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, March 5, 2012, at 7:00 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 Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 20, 2012, and Councilman Nolley seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun said a budget work session with the City Council was held this morning that lasted approximately one and one-half hours. After the session, a few Council members said the session appeared to be helpful, while some said it was somewhat overwhelming. Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank those who could attend the session, saying a team effort was going to be needed to get through some of the difficulties the City faces.

On Ordinance No. 12-2687, amending Salary Ordinance No. 11-2674, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request on second and final reading, and Councilman Nolley seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2012-3, requesting approval of tax abatement for new manufacturing equipment, new information technology equipment, and new logistical distribution equipment for PK U.S.A. Inc., Councilman Fero moved to approve, and Councilman Carmony seconded. Under discussion, spokesman Bill Kent said the Plant has 332 full time employees, and 130 temporary workers. Of the employees on PK's payroll, Mr. Kent said 69% were from Shelby County. He went on to say that the average age of the workers was 41, the average years of service was 7 years, 31% were females, and 69% were males. When Mr. Kent asked if there were any questions, Councilman Brown asked if any new employees would be added because of the new equipment. Mr. Kent said PK was being cautious on giving number estimates because the auto industry is very fragile, and many things could affect it. For instance, gas prices might go up to \$5.00 a gallon, auto lines might shut down, or an automaker might file bankruptcy. Mr. Kent said PK is a major supplier for Nissan, but it also works with Toyota, Subaru, Honda, and others. The PK U.S.A. Plant is North America's largest, it's also North America's headquarters, and Mr. Kent said it's extremely important to the Japanese that our leaders visit Japan's companies often. Mr. Kent talked about the turnover program being less than 4% per year, their wellness program benefiting 83% of their employees, and he extended an open invitation to any Councilman to personally give them a tour of the Plant. Because of Mr. Kent's relationship with the Japanese, Mayor DeBaun said the City relies on him as an ambassador for us with the Japanese community. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 12-2688, amending Title VII, Chapter 74, Schedule I: "No-Parking Zones" of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Fero moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said these were done in response to safety concerns regarding 400 North and truck parking adjacent to the Pilot truck stop, and on Enterprise Drive, which is a dead end Street adjacent to Toray Mfg., off of Mausoleum Road. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under reports from Committees, Board and Commissions, Mayor DeBaun announced that it was determined in the Prelim meeting that Chris Clark will be the Common Council representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Under comments or requests from citizens, a student from Mr. Hall's Government class introduced herself.

Mayor DeBaun said he wanted to extend his thoughts and prayers to those in Henryville and Marysville, Indiana, who suffered through destructive tornadoes last Friday. He said his mother-in-law was the Superintendent at New Pekin School Corporation, and witnessed the tornado,

which did minor damage in her area. She also will be fostering some of the children that were affected by the tornadoes in Henryville and Marysville. On a lighter note, Mayor DeBaun said the City of Shelbyville has around 12 to 15 employees who will be assisting Wednesday with the “Giving from the Heart” program, doing some community service at the Salvation Army, helping them rebuild their food pantry.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer