

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 19, 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 19, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Carmony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Hamilton followed with a prayer. All Councilmen were present and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Carmony moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, March 5, 2012, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Councilman Carmony said he wanted to get a format of City financial information changed. What he was thinking was to have the Finance Committee work with Clerk-Treasurer Frank Zerr to create a format that could be presented to the Council once a month, on the Council's second meeting of the month. He wants something simple that could give Council members a better understanding of each Department's balances every month.

On Ordinance No. 12-2688, amending "No-Parking Zones" of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Fero moved to approve this 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 Ordinance No. 12-2689, amending Title III, Chapter 32, Section 32.28 of the "Rainy Day Fund" of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Fero moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said this was an opportunity for the Council to appropriate monies from areas that were deemed in excess to go into the rainy day fund, which could then be used to help the General Fund, in particular. Councilman Brown noted that this changes the original March 1 deadline, and Councilman Hamilton said by doing this, it makes things more flexible and practical. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 12-2690, amending Title VII, Chapter 73, Section 73.03, concerning the impoundment of unclaimed bicycles of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Fero moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said procedures in the past did not follow this to the letter, so this makes things easier for the Police Chief, and it's within the confines of Indiana Code. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-6, transferring monies for the Shelbyville Fire Dept., Councilman Fero moved to approve the transfer of funds request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-5, creating an economic revitalization area for Addison Real Estate, LLC, 860 Elston Drive, in Shelbyville, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. Under discussion, attorney Stephen Huddleston, from Franklin, representing Addison Real Estate, LLC, said this was the first reading, with another meeting being held on April 2, after a legal notice of a hearing is published in the paper. Mr. Huddleston said his clients, who live in California, have been in business since 1984, and they are husband and wife. They are in the business of manufacturing drilling equipment and tools, and have a large customer base in North and South America, as well as Europe. In the past, they have had two operations in Indianapolis, but they have outgrown those, and they were looking for larger space. They found that building on Elston Drive, and they have already moved most of their old equipment to where they are about 75% operational now, and plan to be fully operational within another 60 days. Mr. Huddleston said the new equipment, coming up for tax abatement in Resolution 2012-7, will be arriving in the next several months. He said their biggest competitor is China, and if the request for tax abatement is approved, it will allow them to be competitive with China, and keep the American jobs here. If things go well, they anticipate enlarging the building in the future, and they have 17 skilled workers making \$18 to \$21 an hour, plus bonuses. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2012-7, approving a tax abatement request on new manufacturing equipment for Addison Real Estate, LLC, Councilman Fero moved to approve the request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. Councilman Nolley noted that the new manufacturing equipment totaled \$420,534.00, it's a 10 year tax abatement request, and it will have 17 employees. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under comments from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Phares said the Council has come a long way in the last 85 or so days, putting things together, with a few bumps in the road, but it's been a surprising and pleasant first three months. Councilman Phares thanked Clerk-Treasurer Zerr for educating the Council on the finances, and he wished him good luck on the next 90 days (with laughter in the background). Mayor DeBaun thanked Councilmen Hamilton and Carmony and all the rest for showing an active interest in finding out where we are, and plotting our future.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer