COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting November 17, 2014

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, November 17, 2014, at 9:05 A.M. Councilman Brown opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Hamilton followed that with a prayer. All Councilmen were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, November 3, 2014, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun said a discussion was held in the prelim meeting regarding a comprehensive study of the Fire Dept. and its associated operations. Under discussion, Councilman Carmony said it was important to get another or other bids, along with their proposals. He said he would welcome an outside consultant's view on having a casino and how it might impact the Fire Department. Councilman Carmony made a motion that the City Council move forward with seeking an outside consulting firm to develop a comprehensive plan for the fire and ambulance service, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. Councilmen Carmony and Hamilton wanted to cap the amount at $40,000.00. Under discussion, Councilman Phares said he thought this was a good idea, but he doesn't want to see us spend money on this, and then six to twelve months later, decide not to be willing to make suggested changes. He said that would be a waste of taxpayers' dollars, and if the vote is yes, the Council had better be willing to accept some of the changes. Councilman Brown agreed with Councilman Phares because the Council sees a need to have this done. Councilman Carmony said we don't always agree with all that Greg Guerrettaz recommends as the City's Financial Consultant, but it's probably 80% to 90% that is agreed upon, and he said the City has to be serious in considering any proposed changes. Councilman Asher said a lot of this might pertain to the Police and Fire contracts, it could possibly take time, and before a decision is made on the contract with the Board of Works, he feels it will be important to sit down with the Fire Department to make sure there is an understanding of what is trying to be accomplished. The motion was approved on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Phares abstaining.

Under new business, on Resolution No.2014-23, Brazeway Indiana, Inc. requested tax abatement to add $875,000.00 in new personal property equipment. Councilman Brown moved to approve the abatement request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. Attorney Stephen Schrumpf represented Brazeway and introduced two officers, John Armstrong, Plant Manager, and Terry Sheehan, the Executive Vice-President, who were there to answer any questions. Mr. Schrumpf talked about some of the equipment that is letting the Company become more technologically advanced. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2014-28, it approves an amendment to lease in connection with the refinancing of the Shelbyville Fire Station Building Corporation First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2005. Councilman Nolley moved to approve, and Councilman Brown seconded. Greg Guerrettaz said he was excited because two weeks earlier the City was able to successfully refinance two sewer bonds, and turn the Thoroughfare Bond into an EDIT Bond. He said the interest rates were essentially cut in half. Greg said the same opportunity is developing for the Fire Station Building Corp. Bond to cut the interest rate in half, and save around $250,000.00, which could lower the annual lease rental payment starting in 2016. It won't start until 2016 because the 2015 budget is already set. Greg said the Building Corp. met at 8:00 A.M., and approved moving forward. If the Council approves this Resolution today, then the process would begin of bidding this out, seeking bids for refinancing. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Phares abstaining.

Under miscellaneous business, Mayor DeBaun wanted to remind everyone about the Christmas Parade that is coming up this coming Friday night.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer