

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 21, 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, April 21, 2014, at 8:28 A.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed with a prayer. Councilmen Brown and Phares were absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, April 7, 2014, and Councilman Nolley seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2014-9, Plastic Moldings Company, LLC (“PMC”) requested ten years of tax abatement on new equipment. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request, and Councilman Carmony seconded. Speaking for PMC was Rick Martin, the Plant Controller. Mr. Martin said the new machinery is to make more litens for Litens Carriers, of which the company has already made over 2 ½ million litens this year. Mr. Martin said a liten is a plastic carrier for an alternator. He also said the company has been struggling this year to keep workers, saying 11 people have either left or been terminated. He said the work is not hard or physical, but they have to check their parts to make sure they’re good. He said it’s a lot of visual checking, but many just don’t want to work, saying it’s too hard or physical. The pay starts at \$10.00 per hour, and they can earn up to over \$12.00 per hour full time. Mr. Martin said PMC is involved in three markets: automotive, medical, and commercial electronics. Although the company gets approximately 20 to 30 applications per week, they still have six openings that are hard to be filled, and even some people out of the military don’t hang around very long. Mr. Martin said he’d have to check with HR to find out if Shares employees had been hired to work for them in the past. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 14-2736, a request was being made to rezone 504 S. Harrison St. from an R-1 classification to a BG classification (Business General). Councilman Fero moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. Attorney Warren Good came forward to say he is the owner of the property at 504 S. Harrison St. He said he, his wife, and his father-in-law are soon to be co-owners of that property, and it’s their hope that his current office, across the street from City Hall, can be moved once the rezoning is finalized. He said the location has been in his family since 1955, and it was a law practice from 1955 until around 2002. He said there will be three lawyers and three secretaries at that location, along with someone doing taxes, and there should be plenty of parking for everyone, including clients. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote on first reading.

Under miscellaneous business, Mayor DeBaun said Allan Karnes, a City employee working for the Parks Department, passed away last week, and he wanted to extend his condolences to the Karnes family. He said there will be a memorial service on softball diamond #2 tomorrow, at 2:00 P.M., at Blue River Memorial Park. Viewing will also be held there tomorrow from noon until 2:00. Also, Mayor DeBaun said he received a letter from attorney Phil Brown, which he passed around earlier to all of the Council members, thanking the Fire Service and Emergency personnel who assisted him in his time of need.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

