COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting January 22, 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 Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 8:33 A.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Brown followed with a prayer. Councilmen Carmony and Phares were absent with business requirements, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, December 16, 2013, and Councilman Fero seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 4-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Fero moved to approve the City Financial Reports, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. There being no discussion, the motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Councilman Fero read Resolution No. 2014-2, requesting approval of an Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing a five member Fiber Technology Board of Directors. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the amendment, and Councilman Brown seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said there would be two members from the City and County each, and one appointment from the Superintendents of the public schools. Mayor DeBaun said he was appointed by the Board of Public Works and Safety. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Councilman Nolley to the Fiber Board, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote to accept Councilman Nolley as the City Council's appointment to the Fiber Technology Board of Directors. For the Resolution, it was approved by a 4-1 voice vote, with Councilman Hamilton voting no.

On Ordinance No. 14-2732, adopting the 2013 S-10 Supplement to the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote on first reading.

On Ordinance No. 14-2733, adding subpart (E) to Section 50.055 of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Asher moved to approve with one amendment, changing (E) (3) Section (B), to (E) (3) Section(E) (2), and Councilman Nolley seconded on first reading. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said this section has been discussed for about a year. He said this will allow Indiana American Water to disconnect water service if the customer doesn't pay their sewer or stormwater bills. Public Utility Officer Beth Corley said a customer has an additional thirty days to rectify the problem, after 90 days have passed where bills haven't been paid. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote on first reading. WWTP Superintendent Brad Fix said although this might pass next month, it might not go into effect until April or May because of a notice that needs to go out to the public, and changes will need to be made on a new billing system. Mayor DeBaun said he was sure the local media will get the notice out to everyone about the changes that will be made.

On Resolution No. 2014-3, a transfer of funds was requested for the City Garage and Motor Vehicle Highway Departments. Councilman Brown moved to approve the requests, and Councilman Asher seconded. Street Commissioner Jennifer Jones asked for the transfers to help pay for more salt and sand for snow removal, because of the brutal winter weather we've had over the last one and a half months. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Concerning the naming of the Council Committees, Department Liaisons, and Chairmen of such Committees for 2014, Councilman Asher said Councilman Hamilton would be moved to the Tourism Board, and Councilman Asher would be moved to the Engineering Department. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the amended change, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Concerning the naming of the Officers for 2014, Councilman Nolley moved to approve Councilman Asher as President of the City Council, and Councilman Fero as the Reader.

Councilman Brown seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Mayor DeBaun had a few announcements. He wanted to congratulate all of the Shelby County Schools for the grades they received from the State, and the work they have done. He congratulated the Shelbyville Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office for charging an individual for all of the downtown burglaries, and especially the Detective Division. He said he has grave concerns about the direction the state legislature is moving regarding the business personal property tax, saying it could cause a significant negative impact on taxes paid in Shelbyville and other communities. He said there is a movement afoot among Cities and possibly Counties to pass a resolution requesting that the Legislature not proceed with this initiative. He said he will continue to monitor the situation and advise everyone on it as he receives it.

Councilman Hamilton said after talking with Clerk-Treasurer Zerr, due to new budget initiatives and procedures and strategies, the 2013 budget had no negative balances at the end of the year, saying he thought it's the first time that's ever happened. He said things are looking a lot better.

Councilman Nolley commended Street Commissioner Jones and her Department for the good work they've done on the streets, and Councilman Brown seconded that.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer