COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting April 6, 2015

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 6, 2015, at 7:19 P.M. Councilman Carmony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Hamilton followed that with a prayer. Councilman Fero was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, March 16, 2015, and Councilman Brown seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City's Financial Report, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun said the 2014 Financial Report for the Shelbyville Wastewater Utility would be postponed until a future meeting because a conflict came up at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor DeBaun said there would be a presentation given by Ken Remenschneider on the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, so everyone up front took seats in the Council Chambers to watch the slide program. Ken said he started his business in 1989, and he introduced the members from his "team" that would be helping on the project. Showing slides of Crawfordsville, he talked about improvements that have been made by them, and he said Shelbyville is very similar to Crawfordsville. Ken said when he rode a bike around Shelbyville with others last year, he was happy to see the historic buildings that the City has, and he felt Shelbyville has a lot of potential for bringing people back to the downtown area. He was also impressed with the Blue River Trails program, which will connect five different parks, and will be a big plus in promoting a "Healthy Shelby County". Pictures of several downtown buildings were shown, and he was looking at improving three of the four quadrants by working with business and property owners, Main Street Shelbyville members, and leaders in the community. Ken had Jim Kienle, a Preservation Architect, talk about restoring a large vacant building in downtown Crawfordsville into a hotel and condos for people visiting and living in their City, which has Wabash College. Ken also had Jonathan Anderson, an Attorney, talk about financing and working with costs relating to redevelopment opportunities. Ken also showed slides of what they accomplished while working with Franklin in 2008 and 2009, and offered that Shelbyville has 2 1/2 times more to offer than Franklin with its architecture and buildings. With the possibility of redeveloping the downtown and other areas of the City, it's hoped we might receive a Stellar Grant, which has been denied to the City in the past because we didn't have a unified vision when applying for the Grant. When returning to their seats, Mayor DeBaun noted that even more needs to be reviewed than what was discussed tonight, including what happens with the Major Hospital grounds when the new hospital is relocated in Intelliplex Park. Several Councilmen thanked everyone for coming tonight.

There was no old or new business.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer