COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting June 1, 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, June 1, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Councilmen were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, May 18, 2015, and Councilman Asher seconded. There was no public comment. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the City's Financial Reports as presented, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 15-2765, authorizing a trap, neuter, and return pilot program on stray cats, Councilman Fero moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, attorney Lee McNeely represented SMR Ventures, LLC in their Compliance with Statement of Benefit hearing. Mr. McNeely said the business has grown from 41 to 61 employees since the original Resolution was done in 2005, and its payroll has grown from $1.5 million dollars to $3.495 million dollars this year, which he said is in its final year of application. Councilman Fero moved to approve the Compliance form, and Councilman Brown seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Phares asked about the parking conditions out there. At peak times, Lee said it is an issue, although there's never really been an overflow situation, but they are bursting at the seams when everything is happening at the same time. He said when the hospital is finished, many of the Doctors will be leaving there to go to the hospital, so the parking will be reduced by a considerable amount. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Attorney Lee McNeely also represented Ten Cate Enbi, Inc. in their Compliance with Statement of Benefits hearing. Mr. McNeely noted he turned in three Compliance forms, but Councilman Phares mentioned to him that one of them was from 2003, whose ten year tax abatement had apparently expired, so he withdrew that from today's consideration. Mr. McNeely talked about the other two Compliance forms, and talked about the tough times that hit that business after the recession. He then talked about the equipment that was purchased in 2010 and 2013 to help maintain the 92 employees they currently have. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the two Compliance forms, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Councilman Phares asked, "Does anyone know how a ten year tax abatement could be delayed?" Clerk-Treasurer Zerr said he looked in the newspaper's published tax abatements for 2015 to see if the 2003 abatement was still listed to receive abatement, but he said Ten Cate Enbi, Inc. wasn't listed at all for abatements. Mr. Zerr said he has called the Auditor's Office in the past if a company was in its eleventh year asking for Compliance approval, and the Auditor's Office said it was still eligible.

On Ordinance No. 15-2767, amending the City's salary Ordinance No. 14-2739, Councilman Nolley moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Carmony seconded. Mayor DeBaun said this amendment allows compensation to be given to the Police Chief and Deputy Chief when they work special details on federal grants, like Operation Pullover, or DUI checkpoints. They would not be allowed compensation for working normal overtime hours in the course of their duties. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on first reading.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Phares said he received the budget information for 2016, and he asked what was needed of the Councilmen. Mayor DeBaun said he had a meeting with Department Heads this afternoon, and they're talking about projected insurance costs for next year and salaries. Once they get those estimates to him, he'll meet with them individually, he'll meet with Greg Guerrettaz next, and then meetings can be held with the Councilmen at a later date. But for now, they're in the fact-gathering phase.

Councilman Asher said this Friday, June 5, the first Friday of the month, will be the Taste of Shelby County, on the downtown Circle. He said a lot of people have worked very hard on this. There will be a band and there should be around twenty vendors. He said it should be a really good time, tickets can be purchased at the vendor's booths, and there will be a beer and wine tent.

Councilman Fero noted that there will be a wine sampling coming up on June 19, with nine wineries. He also noted that Mayor DeBaun jumped and landed safely from an airplane last Saturday at the Lions Club fly-in breakfast at the Airport.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer