COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting July 20, 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, July 20, 2015, at 8:30 A.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 June 15, 2015 meeting, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0-3 voice vote, with Councilmen Carmony, Nolley, and Asher abstaining.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, July 6, 2015, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining.

Under old business, on Resolution No. 2015-9, it designates an economic revitalization area and approves tax abatement for real estate and new logistical distribution equipment for Plymate, Inc., at 819 Elston Drive. Since the Council has not had time to review a new matrix as to how to award tax abatements over a ten year period, Attorney Bob Thopy and Todd Plymate, president of Plymate's, said they didn't mind if this is tabled until August 3. Mayor Tom DeBaun said this is the night for a public hearing on this Resolution, and opened it to see if anyone wished to speak on the petition. Dan Theobald, Shelby County Development Corporation Executive Director, said the most important industries are the ones that are already here, those who pay taxes for years and years, so he asked the Council to give this a positive thought. No one else spoke, so Mayor DeBaun closed the public comment portion of the hearing. Councilman Fero moved to table this until August 3, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Hamilton asked Mr. Thopy and Mr. Plymate if they could explain what kind of pressures Plymate's is under, with the current economic climate. Mr. Plymate reiterated what he said two weeks ago as to how aggressive and competitive the Fortune 500 companies are in trying to get smaller companies to be consolidated, and Plymate's doesn't want to sell. Todd said he feels good about the future, but the company needs to make some changes. He said expansion of the real estate is necessary, as well as getting new assets in the plant to make it more efficient, so they can compete in the environment they're in. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to table this until the August 3 Council meeting.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2015-7, waiving noncompliance of Addison Real Estate, LLC, regarding its failure to file its Compliance with Statement of Benefits form before May 15, Councilman Hamilton moved to approve, and Councilman Brown seconded. Attorney Steve Huddleston apologized for the delay in getting the papers filed, which were filed May 18. Mayor DeBaun appreciated Steve following the statute while other companies filed late but didn't ask for waivers. There being no questions, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Next on the agenda were eleven companies filing Compliance with Statement of Benefit Forms. Mayor DeBaun said in the recent past, the Council has approved the Forms en masse if they don't have any questions to ask representatives from the companies. Mayor DeBaun asked if any of the representatives would like to address anything specific about their projects individually, now was the time to do that. Councilman Brown said if there was anything the companies saw that could be done differently, or how the Council could help in any way; he asked them to also come forward. Since no one came forward to speak, Councilman Brown moved to approve all of the Compliance Forms, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The eleven companies were Addison Real Estate, LLC, Brewer Machine & Mfg., Inc., Indiana Precision Forge, LLC, KN Platech America Corporation, Kroger Limited Partnership, Plastic Moldings Co., LLC, Ryobi Die Casting (USA), Inc., Sankyo Seiki (America) Inc., Seneca Medical, Inc., Triumph Controls LLC, and Yushiro Mfg. America, Inc. (YUMA). The motion was carried to approve all of the Compliance Forms on a 7-0 voice vote. Mayor DeBaun thanked everyone for attending.

On Resolution No. 2015-11, a transfer of funds was requested in the City Garage's General Fund, totaling $500.00. Councilman Brown moved to approve the request, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

One final item not listed on the agenda, was a report given by Dan Theobald of the Shelby County Development Corporation. He gave an update of what's happened this past year with the SCDC, the City, and the County, and for some future prospects on the horizon before he retires later this year. Dan said he appreciates the Council's support, and hopes for their continued support in working on future projects. Under discussion, Councilman Phares asked if Dan has talked with site consultants on downtown improvements that might be happening in the next two years. Although many people from out of town talk about the ambiance of the downtown area, Dan said the best hope is through Ken Remenschneider's focus on the downtown area. Councilman Nolley said the relationship with SCDC, the City, the County, and the schools have really helped with our economic development. Dan agreed and said a site consultant has noticed the close relationship everyone has working together in the County. Councilman Brown said a former member of the Horse Racing Commission, last weekend, applauded the City and County working together at the Indiana Derby horse racing event at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino. Councilman Fero said it was good to see Shelbyville being highlighted on Channel 8 last weekend for the Indiana Oaks and Derby horse races. Councilman Carmony asked if we're getting support from the State level, and Dan said he's working with a few at the State, and they have helped on a couple recent big projects in the County. However, the state legislature has not given much in the way of money being dispersed to Counties because they don't have it to give, according to Dan.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer