COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting August 3, 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, August 3, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Fero followed that with a prayer. All Councilmen were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the City's Financial Reports, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Councilman Phares asked about the progress of the Blue River Trails. Mayor DeBaun said the surveys are done, the soil borings are complete, it's in preliminary design right now, he met with Ratio Architects and Butler, Fairman and Seufert, who are the teams designing this, and he's met with others to pick out fixtures. He said the City is now getting budgeting numbers, and the hope is to break ground on the trail in the fall of 2016, because that's when funding will be available. Mayor DeBaun said they're also looking at lighting, trash cans, benches, and other things.

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. Councilman Fero moved to amend the Resolution by revising the ten year tax abatement schedule, and Councilman Asher seconded. This new schedule was approved by Todd Plymate and attorney Bob Thopy before tonight, because they couldn't attend the meeting. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank Councilmen Fero, Hamilton, and Carmony, who spent two hours last week reviewing and debating the tax abatement schedule, and he felt they came up with a fair and equitable schedule for the project. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to amend the Resolution. Councilman Asher moved to approve the Resolution, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 15-2769, Brazeway, Inc wants to vacate a certain public alley near their company. Councilman Nolley moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Brown seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said the Plan Commission approved this alley vacation at their meeting, with their recommendation that this be approved. Attorney Steve Schrumpf and John Armstrong, General Manager of Brazeway, were present to describe the area and answer any questions. There being none, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 15-2770, Brazeway, Inc. wants to rezone certain real estate from a Business General classification to a Light Industrial classification. Councilman Asher moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Hamilton asked about what was happening with the former Bears of Blue River Festival weekend of festivities. Mayor DeBaun said Downtown Shelby Days, put together by Amy Harness and her group, is the organizer and has worked with members of the prior Festival Committee to put this together the weekend of August 14-16, which includes a parade on Sunday afternoon.

Councilman Asher announced that on August 29, there will be a "Paint the Town Color Explosion" 5k Run/Walk. He said it will be a benefit where all proceeds will go to Clay Browning, who is a high school student fighting cancer. Mayor DeBaun said he thought he was going to be in a dunk tank that day at the County Fairgrounds.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer