COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting September 9, 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 Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 7:01 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Brown followed that with a prayer. Councilman Carmony was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 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 6-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2015-13, additional appropriations of $200,000.00 for EDIT, and $700,000.00 for Racino funds were requested. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2015-14, Plastic Moldings Co., LLC, (PMC), requested ten years of tax abatement for manufacturing equipment. Councilman Brown moved to approve the request, and Councilman Asher seconded. Representing PMC, Rick Martin said this will be an expansion of an existing product line for medical customers. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2015-15, North Harrison Senior Apartments, LP requested approval of an economic revitalization area and tax abatement for real estate improvements. Councilman Brown moved to approve the request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. Representative Jeff Ryan and attorney Peter DePrez were present to answer questions. Mr. DePrez asked for approval tonight of the economic revitalization area, they will advertise it, and then they will come back on October 5 to rescind, modify, or confirm it. Mr. Ryan said the opening date will be August next year, and the parking spaces are to be used for residents and other users of the building. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2015-16, a transfer of funds in the amount of $5,280.62 was requested to reconcile bank balances between First Federal Savings and Loan and First Financial Bank. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 15-2772, setting the employees' salaries and the step range plans for 2016, Councilman Phares moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Fero seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining.

On Ordinance No. 15-2773, setting the elected officials salaries for 2016, Councilman Brown moved to approve this on first reading and Councilman Asher seconded. Councilman Brown went on record saying he felt the Mayor's increase should be more, and Councilman Asher said the same thing for the Clerk-Treasurer's position. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Next on the agenda was the request to change the fire inspector's position from a civilian to a Pat II position. Fire Chief Tony Logan wrote that this would keep the fire inspector's pay consistent with the Building and Planning Department's inspectors. Councilman Brown moved to approve the request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun asked Mike Stephenson to come forward to give his presentation on a Multi-Generational Center concept. Mike said the concept started a few years ago when it was noticed that the Senior Service Center and the Arts were running very short on space for parking and rooms needed to accommodate the crowds attending their events. Mike asked for the Council's support of an idea of a possibility of doing something tremendous for the City of Shelbyville and all of Shelby County. He said the idea is to create a multi-generational facility where everybody from Shelby and other Counties would be a magnet for all activities for citizens of all ages. Mike said other communities smaller than us have been very successful, but it doesn't happen

without the support of the City and the County. Booklets were handed to the Mayor and Council to review success stories of other communities, the timeline of when ideas started forming five years ago about the possibility of an Arts Center, and what activities and events are happening now at the Shelby Senior Services location. Mike talked about having the Center at the old Marsh building at St. Rd. 44 and Amos Rd., which would include the entire strip center of seven "B" shops. Diana Pandak, Executive Director of Shelby Senior Services, spoke about the silver tsunami that has hit the senior center over the last eight years, and it's going to continue growing with many more adults turning over 65. She said there's no more room at their current location to do any more programming, and there's a limit of 90 people who can attend anything there. Cindy Leahy, with the Shelby County Players, is a music teacher who has to teach at her home, but she and others would rather have a multi-generational facility to help students in the future. Cindy said the Arts Committee has met monthly for the last five years, and they've finally gotten everyone together to bring this idea to the City and the County. When asked if the Council had any questions, Councilman Nolley said he's bought into the idea, but he's still concerned about financing part of it. Councilman Phares asked if there would be a charge for services or programs. For the most part, there could be charges for those under 60 years of age, according to Diana Pandak. It just depended on the situation. To the laughter of many, Councilman Fero asked when we're going to get Long John Silver's back, which is in front of Marsh. Councilman Asher said he felt everyone on the Council would be in favor of this, but the monetary issue would be the number one thing on their minds. He's also concerned about who is getting people into the "B" shops in the strip center. Councilman Brown shared the same concerns. Mike said they had to start on this some time, and they're starting with it tonight to see where this can possibly go. Mayor DeBaun said the group has been looking at several opportunities for funding, and this can benefit the elderly as well as the younger generation. When Mike asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer to serve on the committee, Councilmen Nolley and Asher said they would.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Mayor DeBaun asked the two students in the audience to stand up, identify themselves, and name their teacher. Councilman Nolley talked about the girls as their swimming coach.

Mayor DeBaun asked Paul Gable, the Shelbyville News Editor, to introduce his two guests. They were David Roth, who is walking across America next year through "Helping Hands for Freedom", which will help raise monies for wounded soldiers, and reconnecting them with their families. The second person was the former Heavyweight Champion of the World, Lamon Brewster.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer